THE

BRISTOL CHARITIES,

BEING THE

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

FOR INQUIRING CONCERNING

Charities in England and Wales,

SO FAR AS RELATES TO

THE CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS IN BRISTOL.

The Cheapest mode of legislating was by means of *the Press*. Many hundreds of copies of the Commissioners' Reports had been spread over the country, and in various places *portions of those Reports had been reprinted*, in order to make all mankind acquainted with the contents. He considered the reprinting of parts of the Reports a very judicious proceeding, and *was desirous that Some PLAN should be devised for doing it more frequently*.—Brougham's *Speech*, March, 1828.

The most effectual check on the renewal of those abuses was *to make public a full statement of the particulars of each Charity*.—Peel's *Speech*, March, 1828.

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PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

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SAINT JOHN'S ALMSHOUSE.

No document could be found among the parish papers to show by whom this almshouse was founded and endowed; but it is stated in Barrett's History of Bristol, that Mr. Robert Strange, who had been three times mayor, viz. in the years 1475, 1483, and 1490, founded a hospital or almshouse in this parish, at the foot of the steps going into St. James's, out of Tower-lane, and endowed the same with lands by the Castle Mill up to Newgate, and that the Spur Inn in Wine-street did belong to the same; but that, by the wicked proceedings of the people then in trust for this charity, they had embezzled the revenues of it. Mr. Barrett also states, that a commission to inquire into this charity was held in the year 1640, by Dr. Robert Wright, Bishop of Bristol, and many others, who found that several leaves had been cut out of the parish books which related to this charity, and that the inscription on Robert Strange's tomb, in St. John's church-yard, was entirely defaced. Mr. Barrett adds, that the great rebellion soon afterwards put a stop to all further proceedings under this commission, and that the almshouse became ruinous, and was taken down and rebuilt in the year 1721, and that thirteen poor women did then inhabit it, who were put in by the vestry of the said parish; but that there was then no endowment of lands belonging to it. The vestry clerk and churchwardens stated, that they could find nothing in any of the parish books to warrant this statement so contained in Barrett's History; and that though it was possible, that Mr. Robert Strange might at some former period have founded or contributed to the support of this almshouse, yet it was very improbable that he should have endowed it with any lands by the Castle Mill up to Newgate, or that the tenement called in Barrett's History the Spur Inn, in Wine-street, did belong to the same, because they found in the parish accounts for the year 1533, for the first time, that five tenements were introduced into the list of the church lands in the said books, in the account of receipts of lands and tenements belonging unto the church; which tenements are there described as houses without Newgate, and that these tenements occupy the whole area of what is called in Barrett, "Lands by the Castle Mill up to Newgate."

The earliest document that the parish have respecting their church lands, is an entry in the beginning of a vellum book belonging to the parish. It is a memorandum expressing that the said book was made on the feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle, in the

year 1469; and stating the rental of the lands belonging to the parish church of St. John the Baptist, under which head are mentioned the two tenements in Wine-street, so that there appears to have been no foundation for Mr. Barrett's surmise, with respect to that part of the church property.

This statement by the parish is confirmed by an old copy of proceedings, in the possession of the parish, in a suit in equity, which was instituted in Michaelmas term, 1629, by Walter Strange, claiming, as a descendant of Robert Strange, against James Dyer and others, then feoffees and vestrymen of the parish of St. John, the object of which was to charge the feoffees with a misappropriation of the rents and profits of certain premises without Newgate, extending to the Castle Mill, and from the street or highway to the river Frome; alleging, that the same had been settled by the said Robert Strange for the benefit of the almshouse, stated to have been founded and built by him in the said parish of St. John the Baptist. The answer of the defendants not only denies in express terms such endowment by the said Robert Strange; but expresses their disbelief, that such almshouse was built by the said Robert Strange, as alleged by the bill, although it admits, that there was then such an almshouse, and that the same was used by the parish for their own poor, who were put in at the discretion of the vestry. The answer also admits the possession by the parish of the tenements without Newgate; but states, that they had been for a long period before considered as church property, applicable to general purposes for the good of the parish, in which manner they have always been since treated. And upon the copy of this answer, in the possession of the parish, is the following memorandum:—

"Upon this answer made to Strange his bill, he surceased his suit, and paid seven nobles costs, in 1630."

This almshouse is now occupied by the poor parishioners, of whom there are thirteen altogether, but only one who does not receive parish pay. In general they consist of the parish poor receiving parish pay. They are all women, and each has an apartment to herself. The building contains altogether fourteen rooms; but one is used as a wash-house. They are selected by the vestry, and the appointment is considered a premium for good conduct.

The officiating minister and churchwardens of the parish visit the almshouse, and see that the rules for the management of it, which are printed and hung up in the house, are duly observed.

There have been several permanent gifts for the benefit of this almshouse, viz:—

ALDERMAN THOMAS CHESTER'S GIFT.

By referring to the report of Alderman Chester's charity, given among the corporation charities, (sixth Report,* p. 528,) it will appear, that he charged a yearly sum of 7*l.* 16*s.* upon certain premises by him granted to the corporation of Bristol, lying upon St. James's Back, to be paid towards the relief of the poor people inhabiting within the parish of St. John, in such manner and form as by the mayor and aldermen of the said city should be thought fit and convenient.

The corporation regularly pay this sum to the churchwardens of the parish.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 90.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1619, there is the following memorandum :—

"To charge the next account with 7*l.* 16*s.* to be received of the chamberlain, being the gift of Mr. Chester, for the poor of the almshouse."

And in the following year, 1620, the receipt of that sum is stated in the same words. From that period to the present, it has been the practice to pay the said sum so received from the corporation to the alms-people in the almshouse, who each of them receive 12*s.* on St. Thomas's day, yearly, making 7*l.* 16*s.* in the whole.

PHILIP GRIFFITH'S GIFT, CONFIRMED BY WILLIAM CHESTER.

By a deed, dated 10th December, 1585, and made between William Chester, of the first part ; George Snygge, and others, of the parish of St. John, in the city of Bristol, of the second part ; and William Packer, and others, of the parish of St. James, in the said city, of the third part ; it is witnessed, that the said William Chester, for the consideration therein mentioned, and also in consideration that Philip Griffith, the grandfather of him the said William Chester, did by his last will give to the poor of the almshouse on St. James's Back, the profits of those his three houses and three shops thereinafter mentioned, during the whole time of St. James's fair, for ever ; and did likewise give to the use of the poor people in the almshouse within the parish of St. John the Baptist, as well the whole yearly profit of the said three houses and shops, (except the profit during the time of St. James's week and fair time) ; as also one other house, with a shop, thereafter mentioned, granted, enfeoffed and confirmed unto the said George Snygge and others, and William Packer and others, all those his four messuages or tenements situate together upon St. James's Back, next to the messuage or tenement, late in the tenure of Erasmus Prynn, and then of William Gibbs, brewer ; to hold the same to the said parties of the first and second parts, and to their heirs and assigns, for ever, to the intent, that they, their heirs and assigns, should, yearly, during the time of the said fair in St. James's week, set forth the first mentioned three messuages or tenements, with their said three shops, for the most benefit and advantage they might, and should employ the benefit and com modity thereof to the use of the poor inhabiting, and which should thereafter inhabit, in the almshouse on St. James's Back ; and after the ending of the fair of St. James, yearly, until the feast of St. James then next, should demise the said three messuages, with their shops, and also the said other messuage or tenement with the shop, to the most profit they might, and should employ the same to the use of the poor inhabiting, and which should thereafter inhabit, the almshouse of St. John the Baptist.

By an indenture, dated 20th September, 1617, between Thomas Packer the elder, and John Gill, of the first part ; Sir George Snygge, and others, of the parish of St. John the Baptist, of the second part ; and George Harrington, and others, of the parish of St. James, of the third part, reciting the will of Philip Griffith, as aforesaid ; it is witnessed, that the said Thomas Packer and John Gill did thereby grant and confirm unto the parties of the second and third parts, their heirs and assigns, all the said premises ; to hold the same respectively, upon the trusts above-mentioned, with a proviso for renewing the trustees when reduced to the number of six or five, so as to restore the number of twelve.

By a series of feoffments, the legal estate in these four tenements has been continued

down to the present time, and is now vested in the feoffees of St. John's parish, to whom, with the other church lands, they were conveyed by a feoffment, dated 7th January, 1818, to the same uses, intents, and purposes, as before mentioned.

St. John's parish has been used to demise the three houses in which St. James's parish are jointly interested to St. James's parish. The last lease is dated 30th May, 1739, and was granted for twenty-one years from Christmas then last, at the yearly rent of 6*l.* payable quarterly, with a covenant on the part of the grantees to keep the premises in repair.

This lease expired at Christmas 1759; and from that period the premises have been constantly held by the parish of St. James, as tenants from year to year, without any alteration of the rent.

Some years since, upon an application by the vestry of the parish of St. John the Baptist to that of St. James's parish, for an increase of rent, the latter vestry alleged, and the vestry of St. John's seems to have been satisfied with the statement, that the parish of St. James had, a short time previous to such application, been at considerable expense in repairing the houses; and that the rent ought not therefore to be raised.

The fourth house, in which the parish of St. James has no interest, has been for a long time treated by the vestry and feoffees of St. John's parish in the same manner as their general charity estates, and let for terms of years determinable on lives.

The present lease is dated 5th November, 1784, and made by Giles Grevile, apothecary, and others, feoffees of St. John Baptist church lands, who, in consideration of the surrender of a former lease, dated 29th September, 1759, on which was then remaining one life, and a fine of 35*l.* demised to the Rev. Moses Toghill and others, executors of William Gabitass, the said messuage, with the appurtenances, for 99 years, determinable on the expiration of the three lives therein mentioned, at the yearly chief rent of 20*s.*; the three lives are still in being, and the rent is regularly received.

The whole produce of these premises is received by the churchwardens, and blended with the general church income. It appears by the parish books, that, for a long series of years, the annual income of these premises was appropriated to the almshouse; but for a considerable time past it has been treated as a part of the general income of the church lands, as before mentioned. The fines, received occasionally upon the lettings of these tenements for lives, have also been blended with the general parish stock. The vestry have undertaken, for the future, to distribute to the poor of this almshouse, as of this gift, the rents of the three houses let to St. James's parish, and the annual chief rent of the fourth house, together with interest, at four per cent, upon any future fines which may be received in respect of the last-mentioned house.

ALICE COLE'S GIFT.

By referring to Alice Cole's charity (see Eighth Report,* p. 639), it will be found, that the said Alice Cole, by her will, bearing date 20th January, 1604, among other things charged an annuity of 4*l.* upon certain premises at Worle and Kew-Stoke, therein mentioned, to be paid by 6*s.* 8*d.* in every month, to the poor people in the almshouse near Tower-lane, in the parish of St. John, in Bristol.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 187.

It appears, from the evidence taken on the examination into that charity, that Mr. John Jordan Palmer, the treasurer thereof, states himself to pay, among the other payments on account of Alice Cole's charities, the sum of 4*l.* a year to the almswomen in St. John's almshouse, and which is admitted to be received by them.

ANDREW YATES'S GIFT.

The benefaction table states, that "Mr. Andrew Yates gave 16*s.* per annum for the poor of the almshouse."

The first notice to be found of this gift is in the parish ledger of 1625, where are the following entries :—

"Received the gift of Mr. A. Yates, payable by Mr. Henry Yates, 16*s.*

"Paid poor of almshouse, being the gift of Mr. A. Yates .. 16*s.*"

The receipt and payment of this sum seem to have been continued for about thirty-five years; the last entry being in 1665, when it was received of the heirs of Alderman Robert Yate; since which period, there is no entry either of the receipt or payment of this sum by the parish: but it appears that the donation has been paid, by the persons succeeding to the inheritance of the premises out of which it was payable, immediately to the almswomen, without the intervention of the parish.

According to the evidence of Mr. Ezekiel Nash, of Bristol, in our examination into the almshouse on St. James's Back (see Ninth Report,* p. 439), that gentleman appears to have paid a sum of money yearly to this almshouse, as well as to that on St. James's Back, as a charge on the premises upon which he carries on his oil and colour manufactory. It appears also, from an indenture stated in the same case, dated 15th June, 1782, between Robert Goodwin, the heir at law of Robert Yate, formerly an alderman of Bristol, of the one part, and James Morgan of the other part, that the premises were subject to the payment of the annual rents or sums of 16*s.* and 6*s.* to the almshouse of the parish of St. John, and to the parish of St. James, in the said city of Bristol, for ever. Mr. Nash considers himself liable to pay these sums of 16*s.* and 6*s.* respectively to the alms-people on the 30th of November, being St. Andrew's-day, on which day Andrew Yates's gift is payable.

THOMAS WHITE'S GIFT.

The deeds and will of Thomas White are set forth among the corporation charities (see Eighth Report, † p. 605), whereby it appears, that the payment of 4*s.* a month out of the chamber of Bristol to this almshouse, was charged upon the messuages and tenements therein mentioned.

This sum is regularly paid by the chamberlain of the city to the poor women in the almshouse, who go to the council-house every month to receive the same.

It also appears, by the will of Thomas White, above referred to, that the sum of 20*s.* a year was thereby made payable by the chamberlain of the city unto St. John's Pipe, in Broad-street.

This sum of 20*s.* per annum has always been, and still is, regularly paid by the chamberlain, to the churchwarden for the time being of St. John's parish, and is laid out

* *Vide* vol. I. p. 411. † *Ibid.* p. 152.

upon the reparations of the Pipe, together with other moneys disbursed out of the parish stock upon the same object, annually, amounting to a very considerable sum.

THOMAS COLEMAN'S GIFT.

Although the benefaction table states, that "Mr. Thomas Coleman, some time rector of this church, gave to the poor of the almshouse, 4*s*. per month," there does not appear any trace in any of the parish books of any such gift by Mr. Thomas Coleman, though the said books, and every other document in the possession of the parish, have been carefully searched.

THE REV. ——— POWELL'S GIFT.

See the statement respecting this gift among the corporation charities (Sixth Report, p. 533);* from which it appears, that St. John's Almshouse was to receive of the chamber of Bristol its proportion of the sum of 30*s*. per annum, as therein mentioned; and it appears, by the same Report, that the sum payable quarterly to St. John's almshouse was 2*s*. 6*d*.

The almswomen receive the 2*s*. 6*d*. per quarter from the chamberlain of the city. It is paid to one of the women, deputed to receive it for the rest.

SILK'S GIFT.

See the particulars of this gift also reported among the corporation charities (Sixth Report, p. 533) ;† from which it appears that 16*s*. per annum has, from the year 1700, been paid by the corporation, as the gift of Mr. Silk, to the four almshouses therein mentioned, among which is included St. John's almshouse, the poor women of which have received 2*s*. 6*d*. annually, as therein mentioned.

JOHN FARR'S CHARITY.

Mr. John Farr, on the 19th July, 1821, gave to the vestry of this parish 25 guineas; the purpose of which gift is set forth in a memorandum entered in the parish ledger containing the churchwarden's accounts, to the following effect:—

"July 19, 1821.

"Mr John Farr presented to the Rev. William Mirehouse, curate, and the vestry of this parish, a silver goblet, in commemoration of the Coronation of His Majesty King George the IVth, which took place this day. Also 25 guineas, the interest thereof to be given as follows, viz.—

"Five shillings for wine, at the election of churchwardens, every year, to be drank out of the aforesaid goblet, and 20*s*. a year to be given to the women residing in St. John's almshouse, on the 11th day of December, except there should be a coronation in that year; then the women are to receive the 20*s*. on that day, instead of the 11th of December."

The receipt of this sum of 26*l*. 5*s*. as appears in the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1821, and 20*s*. was distributed among the poor women on the 11th of December last, being the first payment that became due.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 98. † *Ibid*, p. 99.

ALDERMAN GEORGE HARRINGTON'S GIFT.

The deed of gift by which this charity was founded is set forth in the Sixth Report, p. 530,* under the head of Charities under the Management of the Corporation.

The sum of 20*s.* is annually received by the churchwardens of this parish, from the chamberlain of the city, on account of this charity, and paid to four poor housekeepers of the parish, as directed by the donor.

ALDERMAN KITCHEN'S GIFT.

The foundation of this charity is set forth in the Eighth Report, p. 590,† under the head of Charities under the Management of the Corporation.

The sum of 20*s.* is also annually received by the churchwardens of this parish, from the chamberlain of the city, on account of this charity, and paid to four poor housekeepers of the parish, as directed by the donor.

FRANCIS GLEED'S CHARITY.

The sum of 38*s.* is received from the feoffees of Christ-Church parish, to whom the annuity of which this payment is a part was devised, and is charged on the messuage mentioned in the will of Francis Gleed, (*see* the Report of Francis Gleed's charity, set forth among the charities in the parish of St. Mary Redcliff, Seventh Report, p. 215), 2*s.* being deducted for the reason stated in the above-mentioned Report of the said Francis Gleed's charity.

This sum is distributed among four poor persons, on St. Thomas's-day, but is not always strictly confined to housekeepers. The churchwardens have engaged that, in future, this shall be done.

WILLIAM GRIFFITH'S CHARITIES.

By a deed poll, dated 5th January, 1630 (which was produced), it appears, that John Goninge, and John Griffith, for divers considerations, and especially for the preaching of

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 93. † *Ibid.* p. 136.

one sermon, yearly, for ever, in the parish church of St. John Baptist, according to the last will of William Griffith, the father of the said John Griffith, and for other good uses thereafter limited and appointed, gave and confirmed unto William Jones, and others, feoffees of the lands and hereditaments of the said parish of St. John, an annuity of 13*s.* 4*d.* to be issuing out of a messuage or tenement situate at or near the gate called St. Giles Gate, at the north end of Small-street in Bristol; which said messuage or tenement the said William Griffith then held upon lease, for a term of years, which was unexpired at his death, and the inheritance of which the said John Goninge and John Griffith had then purchased; to hold the same annuity to the said William Jones, and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, payable on St. Thomas's-day, at one entire payment, upon trust, that they, or the churchwardens of the said parish for the time being, should procure one sermon, to be for ever yearly preached in the said parish church, on the feast of Saint John, in the forenoon, and should pay unto him that should preach the same 10*s.* thereof for his study and pains to be therein taken; and should distribute and pay 3*s.* 4*d.* being the residue of the said sum of 13*s.* 4*d.*, to and amongst the poor of the same parish, on the same day, yearly, for ever, with power of distress and entry.

The sum of 3*s.* 4*d.* is annually received by the churchwardens from a Mrs. Gay, the proprietor of the said premises, and is distributed to the poor in bread, on St. Thomas's-day, as Griffith's gift, together with other bread gifts, and has been regularly so received and distributed since the year 1630, when the receipt and payment of this gift is first entered in the churchwardens' books.

The 10*s.* per annum has not passed through the churchwarden's hands for many years past; but has been for a long period, and still is, received by the minister, from the proprietor of the premises aforesaid.

ELIZABETH COLSTON'S GIFT.

No document respecting this gift was produced; but, on the benefaction table in the church, it is stated, that—

"Mrs. Elizabeth Colston, widow, gave 10*s.* per annum for a sermon, to be preached on New-year's-day, for ever."

The first receipt of this gift, entered in the churchwarden's books, is as follows:—

"1635.—Received of Robert Colston, being the gift of the widow Colston, his mother, some time of this parish, for a sermon, to be preached on New-year's-day, for ever, the sum of ..... 10*s.*"

In the same year, there is an entry of the payment of it by the churchwardens to the minister.

The receipt and payment of this sum annually appear in the churchwarden's accounts till 1643, since which time it appears to have been received by the clerk of the parish for the minister.

The parish clerk receives it from the treasurer of the diocesan school in Nelson-street, upon the site of which school the annuity is stated to have been charged. It is regularly paid to the minister or his curate, and the sermon preached on New-year's-day, annually.

MRS. MARGARET TINDALL'S CHARITY.

Mrs. Margaret Tindall, late of the parish of St. John, Bristol, by her will, dated 30th March, 1605, *(inter alia)*, devised as follows:—"And as touching my lands called Estehams Haye, lying in the parish of Overly, in the county of Worcester, now in the occupation of Thomas West, or his assigns, I give and devise the same ground, with the appurtenances, unto my cousin Edward Seabright, and his heirs, upon condition, that he and they shall and will pay, out of the issues and profits of the said ground, one annuity of 20*s.* for ever, to be distributed amongst the poor in the city of Bristol, by the discretion and appointment of the feoffees of the lands and tenements belonging to the parish and church of Saint John Baptist, Bristol, and their heirs;" and, in case of the persons thereby first appointed refusing the conditional devise above mentioned, she gave the same ground unto Sir George Snygge, one of the barons of the exchequer, and others therein named, then the feoffees of the lands of St. John Baptist, and to their heirs and assigns for ever, upon the same condition. And she also gave unto the same Sir George Snygge, and others, feoffees as aforesaid, all that her messuage or tenement wherein she then dwelt, in Broad-street, Bristol, for the payment of a yearly rent of 20*s.*, to one William Winter, his heirs and assigns, out of the rents and profits of the same; and, subject thereto, she directed, that the rents and profits of the said dwelling-house should be yearly distributed among the poor of the city of Bristol, by the appointment and discretion of her said friends the co-feoffees above named, or by such collector or collectors for the poor, by them to be named and chosen from time to time.

The lands at Overly, out of which the annuity is payable, belong to Lord Foley. The annuity has been constantly paid from the year 1606; but, the sum being small, the payment has generally included the amount due for several years. There are now ten years due; an application has been lately made to his lordship's steward, for payment of the arrears, which it is not doubted will be paid, as there has never hitherto been any difficulty in obtaining what was due, upon application; Overly-hall, out of which the sum is payable, is well known.

With respect to the house in Broad-street, it appears that the annuity charged upon it by Mrs. Tindall was regularly paid till the year 1656, when the vestry paid 17*l.* for the purchase of the said annuity "to the church, for ever." The house in Broad-street is still in the possession of the feoffees, who let the same for lives, in the same manner as their other lands. The last lease, on which a fine was received, bears date 1st March, 1786, when it was thereby granted to Giles Grevile, who paid 50*l.* for the renewal of one life.

The subsisting lease bears date 5th September, 1818, and was granted in consideration of the surrender of the last-mentioned lease, on which all the three lives were then subsisting, for 99 years, determinable with three younger lives, and upon a covenant to lay out 600*l.* in rebuilding the house.

The house was rebuilt in 1819, at the expense of nearly 1,000*l.*, and is now in the occupation of Messrs. Baynton, solicitors, as under-tenants to the lessee, at the clear yearly rent of 110*l.* The ancient chief rent of 8*l.* is still reserved to the feoffees, and is annually received and brought to account.

Nothing is specifically given to the poor as of the gift of Mrs. Tindall; but it appears, upon comparison of what the parish receive in respect of all their charities, not specifically given, and what they pay upon the same, that the annual gift of Mrs. Tindall, as far as regards the rent-charges and the chief-rent upon the house, are satisfied. As to the fines upon the house in Broad-street, they have been blended with the common stock, and have never been specifically accounted for as a part of the proceeds of Mrs. Tindall's gift. By the recent improvement of the premises, the fines hereafter will be considerable; and as the disposal of Mrs. Tindall's charity is wholly discretional, as to the particular objects, it seems that an application of it to the almshouse of this parish, which is much in want of assistance, similar to that which was suggested concerning Alice Webb's charity, in reference to the almshouse of St. Nicholas's parish, might be adopted with propriety and advantage.

GIFT OF THE PARISHIONERS TO THE POOR.

It appears, upon one of the benefaction boards in the church, that, about the year 1669, the parishioners of this parish had purchased 5*l.* 4*s.* a year, for the purpose of distributing 2*s.* a week, in bread to the poor of this parish.

By an indenture, bearing date 23d April, 1669, (which was produced), made between Erasmus Miller and others, of the one part, and Jeremy Martin, M. D., and others, feoffees of all the lands and tenements settled for good and charitable uses within the parish of St. John the Baptist, or belonging to the parishioners of the said parish, of the other part; it was witnessed, that the said Erasmus Miller and others, in consideration of the sum of 95*l.* granted, bargained, and sold, unto the said Jeremy Martin and others, feoffees as aforesaid, their heirs, and assigns, all that messuage or tenement, pavement, and garden ground, with the appurtenances, then in the possession of Sybilla Saul, widow, situate in Horse-street, in the said city of Bristol, between a messuage or tenement in the possession of John Potter, feltmaker, on the east, and a garden, some time in the occupation of John Andrews, and then of John Southcott, on the west part, and extending forward towards the said street called Horse-street, on the south, and a garden, in the occupation of John Philips, on the north part; to hold the said premises to the said Jeremy Martin and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, with the usual covenants.

And in the parish ledger for the years 1668-9, there occurs, amongst the payments, the following entry:—

"To Mr. Erasmus Miller, for the house in Horse-street, which the parish purchased for the use of the poor ..... £95."

And in all the subsequent feoffments of the parish estates, this house is described as having been bought for the use of the poor.

We find, upon an inspection of the churchwarden's accounts, that the house was uniformly let, from its first purchase, till about the year 1735, to different tenants, at a rack-rent of 5*l.* 10*s.* per annum; but, for three or four years subsequent to the year 1735, no receipt of rent appears in the accounts; and, in the year 1741, it appears that the house,

then described as a decayed messuage, was granted by the then feoffees of the parish lands, by a lease dated 23d February, in that year, to Nathaniel Daniel and another, for 99 years, determinable on three lives, under a yearly chief rent of 2*l.*, and in consideration of the lessees covenanting to build and erect a new house on the premises, and which was done accordingly.

This lease has been renewed several times, upon the falling in of a life; viz. on June 20th, 1763, at the same chief rent, and a fine of ten guineas; on the 9th March, 1770, at the same rent and fine; on the 30th January, 1790, at the same rent, and for a fine of 24*l.*; and on the 12th December, 1817, at the same rent, and for a fine of 50*l.* The present lessee, under the last-mentioned lease, is Mr. Thomas Iles, and the three lives therein named are all in being.

The whole of the fines received, amounting to 95*l.*, and the chief-rent of 2*l.* per annum, have been carried by the churchwardens to their general account with the parish, and the sum of 2*s.* has been distributed, in bread, to the poor of this parish, every week, on Sundays, on account of this gift.

GIFTS OF RICHARD STUBBS AND THOMAS EDWARDS.

The wills of the said Richard Stubbs and Thomas Edwards could not be produced; but on one of the benefaction tables, belonging to this parish, are the following statements; viz:—

"Mr. Richard Stubbs, merchant, gave 50*l.*, the profit thereof, to the poor of this parish for ever, anno domini, 1665."

"1687.—Thomas Edwards, late of this parish, Esquire, gave 20*s.* a year for ever, issuing out of the lands in the parish of St. Philip and Jacob, in the county of Gloucester, which, by his will, he directed should be applied in the preaching of two sermons in this church for ever, one on St. Thomas's-day, and the other on Good Friday."

By indentures of lease and release, which were produced, dated 25th and 26th October, 1687, made between Thomas Edwards, of the city of Bristol, gentleman, of the one part; and Henry Gough, and others, all of the city of Bristol, of the other; reciting, that Richard Stubbs, merchant, deceased, made his last will and testament in writing, and thereby gave to the churchwardens of St. John the Baptist, within the said city, the sum of 50*l.* to be laid out in the purchasing of lands for the benefit of the poor of the said parish, which said sum of 50*l.* had then been lately paid to the churchwardens of the said parish; and reciting, that the said Thomas Edwards, who was one of the parishioners thereof, was willing and intended to settle 20*s.* per annum, for ever, for some pious and and charitable uses within the said parish, and in pursuance of such intentions had lately purchased to him, and his heirs, the lands and hereditaments thereinafter mentioned, which cost the said Thomas Edwards the sum of 71*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*; and reciting, that the churchwardens and vestrymen of the said parish being informed of his said purchase, and of his intentions aforesaid, were desirous to lay out the said sum of 50*l.*, in the pur-

chase of the said lands, for the uses in the said will of the said Richard Stubbs, and to be chargeable with said 20*s*. per annum, for ever; it was witnessed that in consideration of the said sum of 50*l*. he, the said Thomas Edwards, did grant and convey to the said Henry Gough, and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, all those three acres of meadow ground, be it more or less, then in the occupation of Robert Gibbons, blacksmith, or his assigns, together with three stiches, or three parts of an acre of meadow ground, being theretofore the lands of Sir George Winter, knight, and then also in the use or occupation of the said Robert Gibbons, situate at a certain place or marsh, called by the name of the King's Marsh, within the said parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, in the said city of Bristol, with their appurtenances; to hold to the said Henry Gough, and others, their heirs and assigns for ever, in trust, that they should, out of the rents and profits of the said premises, yearly, for ever, in the first place, pay, employ, and dispose of the sum of 20*s*. part thereof, to such person or persons as the said Thomas Edwards should, during his life, by any writing under his hand, limit, direct, and appoint; and after his decease or in fault of such direction or appointment, then to such good and charitable uses as the churchwardens and vestrymen of the said parish should think fit and appoint; and upon further trust, that they, the said Henry Gough and others, should pay, apply, and dispose of all the residue of the said rents and profits of the premises thereby granted, towards the placing forth such poor children of the said parish to be apprenticed, or for the relief of such poor persons of the said parish who should not receive weekly allowance from thence, as the churchwardens and vestrymen of the said parish should think fit and appoint; and upon further trust, that, when it should happen that six of the trustees should die, then new trustees to the number of twelve should be appointed, which trustees were to be chosen by the churchwardens and vestrymen of the said parish.

By another indenture, bearing date 29th September, 1720, made between the said Thomas Edwards, of the one part; and John London, Brewer, and William Morgan, apothecary, churchwardens of the parish of St. John the Baptist, of the other part; reciting the said indentures of lease and release, dated 25th and 26th October, 1687, before-mentioned; and further reciting, that since the said first-mentioned indentures, the said three stiches of lands, therein-mentioned, had been recovered, and the said trustees ejected from the possessiont hereof; yet nevertheless, that the said Thomas Edwards, being desirous that the said charity should be supported and continued, had then paid into the hands of the said churchwardens the sum of 20*l*., being the full value of the said three stiches, to the intent and purpose that the said charity should from thenceforth be for ever continued and supported, and to which all the said trustees had consented and agreed, by subscribing their names to the endorsement thereon; it was witnessed, that the said Thomas Edwards, by virtue of the said power to him reserved, did limit, direct, and appoint, that the said yearly sum of 20*s*. per annum should from thenceforth, for ever, be paid and applied to the use, intent, and purpose following; that is to say, to the minister, rector or curate, of the said parish of St. John for the time being, to preach two sermons in each year, one on Good Friday, and the other on St. Thomas's-day, preparatory to the holy communion, so long as the present established religion of the church of England should continue; and in case the said religion should at any time thereafter be, by any act of Parliament, or otherwise, changed or altered, that then in such case the said yearly sum

of 20*s.* should be applied for the maintenance and support of such poor people of the said parish, as the churchwardens should think proper.

It appears from the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1720, that this sum of 20*l.* was received by the then churchwarden.

The three acres of meadow are situate in the King's Marsh, near the river Avon, which are called the T Field, are now in the possession of the churchwardens of the parish.

Previous to the year 1741, this field was let to different tenants, at rack rent, averaging 3*l.* per annum. In that year a lease was granted of it for three lives, for a fine of 39*l.*, and at a yearly chief rent of 10*s.*; this lease fell into hand about the year 1780, by the death of the last life. It was then let at rack rent for a year or two; and in the year 1781, was again let out for three lives, at the same yearly chief rent of 10*s.* and for a fine of 100*l.* In the year 1795, one life having dropped, this lease was renewed for a fine of 20*l.*; and on the 12th of December, 1800, it was, upon the falling of two lives, again leased for three lives to Mr. Richard Elliston, the present lessee, in consideration of 63*l.* 10*s.* and at the same chief rent of 10*s.*

The fines before enumerated are all that have been received in respect of these premises, amounting together to 222*l.* 10*s.*

When received, they have been carried to the churchwarden's general accounts, and the rector has been paid 20*s.* annually, for the two sermons, which have been regularly preached as directed.

It does not appear, that any specific application of the surplus rents has been made to the poor; but it is stated to be covered by the amount of the payments made annually to them, either in money or in bread. As Stubbs's legacy has been laid out in the purchase of this field, and the poor in consequence became entitled to the whole benefit arising therefrom, the vestry have engaged for the future to distribute the annual profits thereof, and also interest at four per cent. upon the fine of 63*l.* 10*s.* received in 1800, and on all future fines, which may be received in respect of these premises, among the poor, either in bread or money.

GIFTS OF JOHN CHAMPION, JANE EDWARDS, ROBERT BRIDLE, AND THOMAS EDWARDS FREEMAN.

JOHN CHAMPION'S GIFT.

No document was produced respecting this gift; but it is stated on one of the benefaction tables, before-mentioned, that in the year 1742, "John Champion, of the city of Bristol, gave 10*l.*, the interest thereof to be disposed of in bread to the poor of the said parish, on the first Sunday after the 29th day of September, yearly."

We find, from the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1743, that the said sum was received by the then churchwardens.

MRS. JANE EDWARDS'S GIFT.

It appears, from an official extract from the will of Mrs. Jane Edwards, dated 6th April, 1770, that the said testatrix, among other things, gave and bequeathed to the churchwardens of the parish of St. John the Baptist, the sum of 21*l.* in trust, to place and continue the same out at interest, on the best security or securities that could be gotten for the same, and to pay the interest arising therefrom to the rector of the said parish for the time being, as an additional gratuity for preaching two sermons, the gift of her late father, one on Good Friday, and the other on St. Thomas's-day, yearly, and for ever: And she also gave to the said churchwardens the sum of 20*l.* in trust, to put and continue the same out at interest, and directed that the interest arising therefrom should be distributed in bread, by the minister, churchwardens, and vestry of the said parish, amongst the poor of the said parish, on Good Friday, yearly, for ever: And she desired, that what was by her will given to the poor of Westbury, St. James's, and St. John's, might be given to poor inhabitants of the said parishes, and that without any distinction, whether their legal settlement was there or not.

It appears, from the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1790, that these two legacies, amounting together to 41*l.* were received by the then churchwarden.

ROBERT BRIDLE'S GIFT.

By an official extract from the registry of the prerogative court of Canterbury, it appears that Robert Bridle, late of the city of Bristol, deceased, by his will, dated 28th April, 1779, gave, *inter alia*, to the parish of St. Michael, in Bristol, to be settled on poor housekeepers of the parish, or otherwise, as his executors should approve, 50*l.* viz. the interest thereof annually 50*s.*, and to St. John's parish the like sum of 50*l.* to be settled in like manner, with the approbation of his executors.

It is stated in the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1780, that this sum of 50*l.* was received by the then churchwarden.

The above three legacies appear, by the churchwarden's accounts, not to have been invested at the time they were received, but to have been carried to the churchwarden's general account, where they remained till the month of December, 1788, when they were laid out in the purchase of land, according to the deed next mentioned.

By indenture of seven parts, bearing date 6th December, 1788, made between Edward Daniel, of the city of Bristol, gentleman, of the first part; Sarah Davy, widow, of the second part; Thomas Edwards Freeman, executor of Jane Edwards, spinster, deceased, of the third part; the Rev. John Bridle, sole executor of the last will and testament of Robert Bridle, deceased, of the fourth part; the Rev. Thomas Johnes, (the then and present rector of the said parish,) of the fifth part; Robert Bartlett, and Jonas Hill, the then churchwardens of the said parish, Peter Cox and others, the then vestrymen of the said parish, of the sixth part; and Richard Parker and Francis Grevile, gentlemen, of the seventh part; reciting, among other things, the several bequests of the said John Champion, Jane Edwards, and Robert Bridle; and reciting, that the vestry of the parish of St. John Baptist had agreed, with the parties of the first and second parts, for the purchase of the premises after mentioned, at the price of 110*l.*, and that the said sum should be raised in manner following; viz. the sum of 41*l.* part thereof, by the said two several donations of the said Jane Edwards, deceased, of 21*l.* and 20*l.*, the sum of 10*l.* other part

thereof, by the said donation of the said John Champion, deceased; the sum of 50*l.* other part thereof, by the said donation of the said Robert Bridle, deceased; and the sum of 9*l.* the remaining part thereof, by the voluntary contribution of the said Thomas Edwards Freeman, for the purpose of making up the deficiency of the said sum of 110*l.* and for augmenting the interest of the bequest of his late aunt, the said Jane Edwards, deceased. It was witnessed, that, in consideration of the said sum of 110*l.* to the said Sarah Davy paid by the said churchwardens, the said Edward Daniel and Sarah Davy, granted and conveyed to the said Richard Parker and Francis Grevile, their heirs and assigns, all that close of pasture ground, called Upper Deans, containing by estimation four acres, or thereabouts, then in the possession of the said Sarah Davy, or her undertenant, situate at or near Hallend and Stowick, in the parish of Henbury, in the county of Gloucester, with the appurtenances; to hold to them, their heirs, and assigns, for ever, to the intent and purpose, that they should convey the said close of ground and premises to William Hippesley and others, the then feoffees of the church lands of the said parish of St. John the Baptist, upon trust, that the said William Hippesley and others should from time to time let and set the said premises; and after paying taxes and repairs, and other outgoings, should, as nearly as might be, separate and divide the then remaining net rents, issues, and profits thereof, into twenty-two equal parts, and should yearly pay the churchwardens of the said parish two full twenty-two parts, to be by them and the vestrymen of the said parish distributed in bread, amongst the poor of the said parish, on the first Sunday after the 29th day of September, yearly, for ever, agreeably to the will of the said John Champion; and should also pay to the said churchwardens five other full twenty-two parts of such rents, to be by them the said churchwardens paid unto the rector of the said parish of St. John the Baptist, in discharge of his additional gratuity for preaching the said two sermons on Good-Friday, and St. Thomas's-day, yearly, according to the will of the said Jane Edwards; and should in like manner pay to the said churchwardens, five other twenty-two parts of the said rents, to be by the minister, churchwardens, and vestrymen, distributed in bread amongst the poor of the said parish on Good-Friday, yearly, for ever, in conformity with the will of the said Mrs. Jane Edwards, and should in like manner pay to the said churchwardens the remaining ten full twenty-two parts, to be by the said minister, churchwardens, and vestrymen, paid and divided among such poor housekeepers or poor parishioners of the said parish, as they the minister, churchwardens, and vestrymen should approve and think most in want of the same, agreeably to the will of the said Robert Bridle, deceased; with a proviso for renewing the trust when reduced to three, and a covenant for title by the vender.

The said Richard Parker and Francis Greville, by an indenture of 31st December, 1788, conveyed the said piece of ground to William Hippesley and others, according to the trusts of the last-mentioned indenture, and it is now included in the last general feoffment of the parish lands.

This piece of land we find to have been let from the time of the purchase aforesaid, at a rack rent of 4*l.* 40*s.** per annum, until the year 1800, when it was granted by a lease, dated 25th March, 1800, to James Hudson, Esquire, for ninety-nine years, determinable on three lives, for a fine of 101*l.* and at a yearly chief rent of 10*s.* It is now held by Mrs. Elizabeth Castle, the assignee of the said James Hudson, for the remainder of the

* Sic. in orig. *Query* 4*l.* 10*s.*?

said term, determinable on two lives, one of the three original lives being dead; but the feoffees are under contract with the said Mrs. Castle, to put another life into the lease, for the sum of 50*l.*, the premises being now estimated as worth 25*l.* per annum, having been increased to that value by the erection of five cottages, at the expense of the lessee.

As the parish had no other property in Henbury or its neighbourhood, and the land is situate full five miles from Bristol, the feoffees considered it more advantageous for the charity to lease it out in the manner they have now done, than to continue to let it at rack-rent, more especially as it held out an encouragement to the lessee to build.

The rack-rent, previous to the year 1800, was received by the churchwardens successively, and carried to their general account with the parish; and the chief rents and fine of 10*l.* have also been received by the churchwardens for the time being, and carried in like manner to their respective general account.

The following specific payments appear to be made in respect of these charities; viz. the sum of 10*s.* is annually distributed to the poor of the parish at Christmas, in bread, in respect of John Champion's gift; the sum of 20*s.* is given, in like manner, in bread, on Good-Friday annually, in respect of Jane Edwards's gift. The sum of 1*l.* 1*s.* is annually paid to the rector for two sermons, according to the directions of the said Jane Edwards and Thomas Freeman Edwards; and the sum of 50*s.* per annnm is regularly given to five poor housekeepers not receiving alms, as directed by the will of the said Robert Bridle, all which annual payments amount together to the sum of 5*l.* 1*s.* In this distribution the churchwardens and vestry have not attended to the exact division of the twenty-two aliquot parts, according to the directions of the said deed; but the amount paid annually to the respective charities has been nearly what it would have been according to such arrangement.

The vestry have engaged in future to attend to the apportionment directed by the said deed of the 6th December, 1788, as nearly as can be done, giving credit annually for the chief rent, and for interest at four per cent., on the present and all future fines.

MRS. HANNAH COLE'S CHARITY.

On the benefaction table of this parish, before referred to, is the following statement:—

"Mrs. Hannah Cole gave 30*l.*, the interest thereof to be paid to six poor widows of this parish, on St. Thomas's-day, yearly, for ever."

It appears by the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1737, that this sum was received by the then churchwarden, and carried by him to his general account.

The sum of 25*s.* has been annually distributed on St. Thomas's-day, to six poor persons of this parish, although the donation has not been hitherto strictly confined to widows, but the vestry have engaged that this shall be done in future. The names of the persons receiving the benefit of this, and all the other gifts belonging to this parish, are regularly entered in a book called the gift-book, and a previous meeting of the vestry is always held, to fix upon the proper objects to receive the several donations.

MRS. ANN HARTNELL'S CHARITY.

THE following statement of this gift is on the benefaction table :—

"Mrs. Ann Hartnell gave 40*l.* the profit to four poor widows of this parish, not receiving alms, on Michaelmas-day, for ever, and 10*l.* the profit, to keep the tomb in repair, where she and her family lie buried, in St. John's church-yard."

And by the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1720, it appears, that this sum of 50*l.* was received by the then churchwarden, and carried to his general account.

The sum of 40*s.* has been regularly paid, as interest of this gift of 40*l.* to four poor widows not receiving alms, at Christmas annually, and their names are entered in the before-mentioned book. The tomb has been kept, and is now, in good repair. The amount of the sums which have been laid out upon it are not stated ; but it appears that, in the year 1782, the sum of twelve guineas was paid upon this account.

RICHARD GRAVETT'S GIFT.

THE parish has no document respecting this gift; but it is stated on one of the benefaction tables in the following manner :—

"Richard Gravett, Esquire, gave 12*l.* the profit thereof to be given to the poor of this parish, on the first Sunday in every month, for ever."

In the churchwarden's account for the year 1724, is the following entry :—

"Rec^{d} of Richard Gravett, Esq., being his gift to the poor of this parish, to be given twelve pence per month in bread ..... £12.'

No specific distribution of bread has been made in respect of this charity; but it appears to be included in the weekly bread distributed among the poor every Sunday, an account of which was produced.

EDWARD HURNE'S GIFT.

THE only evidence produced, respecting this gift, is an entry on one of the benefaction tables, which states, that—

"Edward Hurne, some time sheriff of this city, gave 30*l.* the profit thereof in bread, to the poor of this parish, for ever, 1678."

It appears, by the churchwarden's accounts, that this gift of 30*l.* was received in the

year 1681, by the then churchwarden, and carried by him to his general account with the parish; but it does not appear that there has been any specific distribution of the interest of this gift. It is stated, however, to be included in the weekly distribution of bread, in the same manner as the interest of Richard Gravett's gift, before mentioned.

ELIZABETH HURNE'S GIFT.

The parish has no document respecting this gift, except the statement on one of the benefaction tables, which thus expresses it:—

"Mrs. Elizabeth Hurne gave 10*l.* the profit thereof to the poor of this parish, for ever."

It appears, by the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1684, that the sum of 10*l.* was received by the then churchwarden on account of this gift, and carried by him to his general account.

We find no account of any specific distribution in respect of this gift; but it is stated to be included in the general bread or money gifts distributed by the churchwardens among the poor of the parish.

JOHN DONNING'S GIFT.

There is no document respecting this gift; but it is thus mentioned on one of the benefaction tables:—

"Mr. John Donning, of this parish, merchant, gave to the churchwardens 25*l.* the profit thereof to be distributed to the poor, in bread, on the first day of January, yearly, for ever."

The receipt of this gift of 25*l.* appears in the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1712, when it was carried by the then churchwarden to his general account with the parish.

The sum of 25*s.* being interest at five per cent on this gift, has been regularly distributed to the poor in bread, on the 1st of January, yearly; and lists have been kept of the persons to whom this bread has been so distributed.

CAPTAIN JOHN PRICE'S GIFT.

This gift is thus recorded on one of the benefaction tables:—

"Captain John Price, late of this city, gave to the churchwardens of this parish 10*l.* the interest thereof to be given to the poor in bread, on St. John's-day, yearly, for ever."

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1710, the receipt of this donation is acknowledged by the then churchwarden, and carried to his general account with the parish.

The sum of 10*s*., being interest at five per cent on this gift, has been regularly distributed in bread to the poor, on St. John's-day annually, and the names of the persons receiving it entered in the gift-book before mentioned.

SIR ABRAHAM ELTON'S GIFT.

The only document which was produced respecting this charity, was a book in the possession of the corporation of the city of Bristol, in which there is an entry of a bond or city seal of the city of Bristol, dated 5th October, 1730, reciting, that Sir Abraham Elton, bart. late mayor, and one of the aldermen of the said city, deceased, in and by his last will and testament in writing, bearing date 26th October, 1727, did, among other things, give in the words following, viz.

"I do give the sum of 50*l*. which I will shall be paid to the chamberlain of the said city of Bristol for the time being, to be by him put forth at interest, or continue in the chamber at interest, and the interest and increase therefrom arising, to be, by the order of the mayor of the said city for the time being, distributed, on the 11th day of September, in every year, to ten poor housekeepers within the parish of St. John the Baptist, not receiving alms, for ever." And reciting, that Abraham Elton, Esquire, the grandson of the said testator, had, on the day of the date of the said city seal, paid into the chamber of the said city the sum of 50*l*., being the legacy given by his said grandfather's will to and for the benefit of ten poor housekeepers within the said parish, not receiving alms, as aforesaid; it was witnessed, that the said mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the said city did thereby acknowledge the receipt of the said sum of 50*l*., and that they owed and stood justly indebted to the churchwardens of the said parish in the full sum of 50*l*., to be paid to the said churchwardens and their successors, to and for the uses and intentions of the said donor, expressed in his said will, at or upon the 6th day of April, then next ensuing, and did thereby agree to pay interest for the said sum of 50*l*. after the rate of four per cent. per annum, for so long time as the same should remain unpaid and unsatisfied by the said mayor, burgesses, and commonalty.

This sum of 50*l*. still remains in the hands of the corporation of Bristol; and the sum of 40*s*. as the interest thereof, is regularly received by the churchwarden of this parish from the chamberlain.

It is regularly paid by the churchwarden to ten poor housekeepers not receiving alms, in sums of 4*s*. each, on St. Thomas's-day, annually; and their names are regularly entered in the gift-book before mentioned.

JANE EDWARDS'S GIFT.

THIS gift is stated, on one of the benefaction tables, in the following terms:—

"In 1733, Mrs. Jane Edwards, by her will, gave twenty guineas to this parish, the profits arising therefrom to be laid out in bread, annually, on St. Thomas's-day, and distributed by the churchwardens to the poor of this parish."

It appears, by the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1734, that this sum of twenty guineas was received by the then churchwarden, and carried to the general account.

The sum of 20*s.* as interest on this gift, has annually been distributed on St. Thomas's-day, in bread to the poor of this parish; and their names are regularly entered in the gift-book before referred to.

JOHN HIPSLEY'S GIFT.

THE parish has no document respecting this gift; but it is mentioned on one of the benefaction tables in the following manner; viz.—

"1751.—Mr. John Hipsley, gent. gave 20*l.* the interest thereof to the poor, in bread, on the 24th October, yearly."

It appears, by the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1750, that this gift of 20*l.* was received by the then churchwarden, and carried to his general account with the parish.

The sum of 20*s.* as the interest of this gift, has been regularly distributed in bread, to the poor of the parish, on the 24th October, annually; the names of the persons receiving the benefit of this donation, are also regularly entered in the gift-book, before mentioned.

ROBERT SANDFORD'S GIFT.

ROBERT SANDFORD, late of the city of Bristol, Esq., by his will, dated 6th October, 1755, (an official extract of which was produced), among other things gave the sum of 100*l.* to be paid to the minister and churchwardens for the time being, of the parish of St. John the Baptist, within the same city, to be by them and their successors placed and continued out at interest, and the interest thereof to be paid unto four poor housekeepers of the said parish not receiving alms, yearly, on St. Thomas's-day, for ever.

This bequest is also stated on the benefaction table of this parish.

It appears by the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1760, that this bequest of 100*l.* was received by the then churchwarden, and carried by him to his general account with the parish.

The sum of 4*l.*, as the interest of this gift, has been regularly distributed on St. Thomas's-day, annually, among four poor housekeepers not receiving alms, in sums of 20*s.* each, the names of the persons receiving them being regularly entered in the gift-book.

The objects of this charity are selected by the vestry.

ABRAHAM BROWN'S CHARITY.

No document respecting this charity could be produced; but it is thus entered on one of the benefaction tables:—

"In 1783, Mr. Abraham Brown, late of this parish, gave 20*l.* the interest to be disbuted to the poor of this parish, on the 30th day of January, for ever."

It appears by the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1787, that this sum of 20*l.* was received by the then churchwarden, and by him carried to his general account with the parish.

The sum of 20*s.* as interest on this gift, has been regularly distributed to the poor in bread, on the 30th day of January annually, and the names of the persons receiving it regularly entered in the gift-book.

SAMUEL HARTNELL'S CHARITY.

It is stated on one of the benefaction tables in the church of this parish, that Mr. Samuel Hartnell, of St. Augustine's parish, gave the inheritance of lands in the parish of Henbury, in Gloucestershire, then let at 33*l.* per annum, to put three boys into Queen Elizabeth's hospital, for ever, one to be of this parish.

[*See* the particulars of this charity in the report of Queen Elizabeth's hospital, under the head of Corporation Charities, Sixth Report, page 471.*]

JOHN JONES'S GIFT.

The parish has no document respecting this gift; but it is thus recorded on one of the benefaction tables:—

"In 1785, Mr. John Jones, late of this parish, gent. gave 25*l.* the interest to be distributed to the poor of this parish, on the 24th day of June, for ever."

Vide vol. i. p. 14.

It appears by the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1787, that this sum of 25*l.* was received by the then churchwarden, and by him carried to the general account.

The sum of 25*s.* as interest on this gift, has been regularly distributed to the poo in bread on the 24th June, annually, and the names of the persons receiving it regularly entered in the gift-book of the parish.

COX'S GIFT.

The sum of 7*s.* 6*d.* is received by the churchwardens, from the chamberlain in respect of this donation, as of the mayor's gift, and given in coals to the poor of the almshouse.

As it appeared, that after deducting the benefactions specifically given, of the appropriation of which an account has been taken under each respective charity, as before stated, amounting together to the yearly sum of 25*l.* 5*s.*, there was still an annual sum of 33*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* not specifically accounted for in the parish books, which ought to have been distributed among the poor of the parish, an account of the manner in which the vestry had appropriated this sum, annually, for the last ten years, was required.

An account was accordingly prepared and produced by the vestry clerk, as herein set forth, who stated, that it would be seen, by such accounts, that, although the vestry had not attended to the proportions of money and bread directed to be given by the different donors, yet that their average expenditure in bread, meat, and money to the poor, had been more than the amount which the parish were called upon to distribute in respect of the several donations, forming the said annual sum of 33*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*

EXPENDITURE IN CHARITY

Independent of the 25*l.* 5*s.* specifically accounted for in the Books :—

YEAR.	Money.			Bread.			Meat, &c.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1812	13	1	6	23	15	5	6	2	8	42	19	7
1813	12	9	6	24	4	4	7	3	3	43	17	1
1814	12	9	6	24	17	2	7	17	6	45	4	2
1815	12	8	0	27	13	3	5	19	4	46	0	7
1816	13	0	6	24	13	6	5	7	1	43	1	1
1817	10	18	6	25	17	0	5	7	0	42	2	6
1818	10	12	6	22	16	0	9	1	3	42	9	9
1819	12	1	0	24	15	2	9	1	3	45	17	5
1820	7	14	0	23	0	0	5	17	0	36	11	0
1821	3	15	6	22	19	10	.....			26	15	4
	108	10	6	244	11	8	61	16	4			
Total of ten years' expenditure										414	18	6
Average annual expenditure										£41	9	10

In addition to the above, there has been always an annual distribution of coals to the poor in the almshouse, averaging about 3*l.* per annum, and yearly sums expended upon the building itself.

The parish was also required to produce an account of the several gifts to the parish, which were not specifically charged upon any lands, but which were considered by the vestry as chargeable upon the several estates vested in the feoffees of the parish lands.

The following account of such donations was accordingly produced, viz :—

DONORS.	Principal Sum.			Sums annually payable.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hannah Cole	30	0	0	1	10	0
Ann Hartnell	40	0	0	2	0	0
Richard Gravett	12	0	0	0	12	0
Edward Hurne	30	0	0	1	10	0
Elizabeth Hurne	10	0	0	0	10	0
John Donning	25	0	0	1	5	0
Captain Price	10	0	0	0	10	0
Jane Edwards	21	0	0	1	0	0
John Hipsley	20	0	0	1	0	0
Robert Sandford	100	0	0	4	0	0
—— Brown	20	0	0	1	0	0
John Jones	25	0	0	1	5	0
John Farr	20	0	0	1	0	0
	363	0	0	17	2	0

By which it will be seen, that the total amount of principal is 363*l.*, and the annual charge in respect of such donations amounts to 17*l.* 2*s.* In addition to which, the parish appear, by the reports hereinbefore set forth, to have received several sums for fines, amounting together to the sum of 164*l.* 10*s.* for which they have agreed to allow four per cent. interest, being 6*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, making the aggregate principal charged on the parish estates 527*l.* 10*s.*, and the aggregate annual charge 23*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*

The parish were then required to produce a rental of the parish lands included in their general feoffments, and which were considered by them to be liable as a security for the several charities not specifically secured, as before mentioned, which rental was accordingly produced, and is as follows :—

No.	LESSEES' NAMES.	When granted.	LIVES IN BEING.	Where situate.	Chief Yearly Rent. £ s. d	REMARKS.
1.	John Hurle ..	5 Sept. 1818	William Clarke, Mary Ann Clarke, and Charles Stewart Clarke, children of William Lewton Clarke.	Broad-street	8 0 0	Margaret Tyndall's gift.
2.	Thos. Thomas	14 Mar. 1799	Henry Thomas	Ditto	4 0 0	
	Elias Dyer, in trust for William Peck.	2 Oct. 1820	Betsey Dyer Peck, and William Bishop Peck, in reversion of Henry Thomas	Ditto		
	Alex. Parker	16 June, 1691	William, his son, for building on the churchyard wall.	Ditto	0 1 0	
3.	Richard Baylis, in trust for Peter Cox.	16 Oct. 1822	Maria Cox, Thomas Bailey, and W. Brackenridge, jun.	Tower lane	0 16 0	
4.	William Brice.	5 Mar. 1791	John Prankard, Ann Rogers, and the Prince of Wales.	Ditto	0 10 0	
5.	John Farr ..	1 Jan. 1805	John, son of Stephen Farr, and Thomas, son of Thomas Farr.	Ditto	1 0 0	
6	Francis Hunt	1 Jan. 1805	Lessee Richard Hunt, his son, and William Hunt, lessee's brother.	Ditto	1 0 0	
7.	Matthew Mills Coates.	2 Oct. 1802	Jos. Coates, and Mary Coates, children of lessee, in reversion of Margaret French.	Bell-lane	2 0 0	
8.	Amelia Roberts	11 Sept. 1794	Margaret East, late Margaret Lewis, niece of lessee.	Christmas-st.	3 3 4	
9.	Henry Brooke	22 Feb. 1805	Robert Lovell Gwatkin, lessee, and Mary Anne Brooke, his daughter.	Ditto	3 0 0	
10.	Joseph Francis Sheppard.	2 Oct. 1820	Danvers Ward, Frederick Miller Holden, and John Purrier Kimberly.	Ditto	2 0 0	
11.	Ann Simpson	12 Dec. 1800	Charles Pritchard, in reversion of Walter Brooke, and Joseph Chilcott, for passage in	Ditto	0 6 8	
12.	Thomas Isles	12 Dec. 1817	James Norman, Edward Daniel, and lessee.	Horse-street	2 0 0	The gift of the parishioners.
13.	James Ezekiel Nash.	2 Oct. 1820	Fourteen years from 25 March, 1819.	For cellars under almshouse.	10 0 0	This is at rack rent.
14.	Executors of Wm. Gabbitas.	5 Nov. 1784	Wm. Gabbitas, Moses Toghill Gabbitas, and Sally Gabbitas.	Saint James's Back.	1 0 0	William Chester's Gift.
15.	Anthony Henderson.	26 April, 1808	Mary Ann Henderson, Mary Ludlow Henderson, children of lessee; and C. H. Jones.	Halliar's-lane.	4 10 0	
16.	Henry Brooke	22 Feb. 1805	Robert Lovell Gwatkin, lessee, and Mary Ann Brooke, his daughter.	Ditto	0 13 4	

No.	LESSEES' NAMES.	When granted.	LIVES IN BEING.	Where situate.	Chief Yearly Rent. £ s. d.	
17.	John Evans ..	16 April, 1819	Lessee, Mary, his wife, and Susanna Morgan.	Wine-street	1 1 0	
18.	William Green	2 Nov. 1804	Sarah Clibborn, lessee, and John Fargus Green, his son.	Ditto	1 1 0	
19.	William Fisher Shrapnell.	28 Sept. 1811	Henry Jones Shrapnell, his son, and John Marklove.	Below Newgate.	0 15 0	
20.	John Short ..	14 Mar. 1799	William Baker, Thomas Short, and Ann Short.	Ditto	1 0 0	
21.	Sarah Short ..	20 Jan. 1818	Thomas Short, Ann Short, and Thomas Wastfield Jutson.	Ditto	0 10 0	
22.	William Pimm	5 Oct. 1813	Lessee, Mary Elizabeth Pimm, and Sarah Belithy Pimm, daughters of lessee.	Ditto	0 10 0	
23.	J. Sheppard, in trust for J. Perry.	24 June, 1799	James Perry, jun., Edward Banfield, and Benjamin Thomas.	Ditto	1 0 0	
24.	The mayor, burgesses, and commonalty.	March, 1818	Christopher Claxton, Thomas Daniel, jun., and John Haythorne. jun.	Below Newgate.	1 0 0	
25.	John Baker ..	28 April, 1809	Elizabeth Godwin, Anna Godwin, and Jacob Player Sturge, jun.	Ditto	0 15 0	
26.	Martha Clement	16 April, 1816	Mary Rosevear, John Davis, jun., and Mary Davis.	Redcliff-street	4 0 0	
27.	Francis Martin Fowler.	4 July, 1807	Thomas Emery, jun. Charles Emery, and lessee.	Ditto	3 0 0	
28.	Philip George and Jacob Wilcox Ricketts.	18 Dec. 1815	Matthew Brickdale, Esq. John Brickdale, Esq., and Frederick Ricketts	Tucker-street	1 1 0	
29.	Churchwardens of St. James.	30 May, 1739	On a lease for 21 years absolute, 3 messuages on	St. James's Back.	6 0 0	William Chester's gift.
30.	Richd. Elliston	12 Dec. 1800	Hester Higgs, Richard Annesley Elliston, and Thomas Snellgrove Elliston, T field.	St. Philip and Jacob.	0 10 0	Richard Stubb's gift.
31.	James Hudson	25 Mar. 1800	Lessee, and Rev. Thos. Young.	Henbury	0 10 0	John Champion, Jane Edwards, 1770), and Robert Bridle's gifts.
32.	Miss Ann James and Miss E. James	6 Dec. 1810	Lessees, and J. Weeks James.	Frampton Cotterell.	1 0 0	
33.	Joseph Gibbs	6 Dec. 1810	Joseph Gibbs, jun., H. Gibbs, and Sarah Gibbs, children of lessee.	Ditto	0 10 0	
				Total.....	£68 3 4	Exclusive of fines or renewals.

PARISH OF ST. LEONARD.

Alderman Harrington and Alderman Kitchen's charities.
Francis Gleed's charity.
William Pennoyre's charity.

Robert Sandford's charity.
Cox's gift.
Ann Sole's gift.

ALDERMAN HARRINGTON AND ALDERMAN KITCHEN'S CHARITIES.

It will appear, by reference to the charity of Alderman George Harrington, reported among the Corporation Charities, in the Sixth Report, page 530,* and to that of Alderman Robert Kitchen, reported among the Corporation Charities, in the Eighth Report,† that under each of those charities a sum of 20*s.* annually was, *inter alia*, to be given to some poor householder, being a burgess, or the widow of a burgess, of this city, inhabiting in this parish, who was to be recommended by the churchwardens and overseers of the parish.

The above sums have been regularly received by the churchwardens of this parish, annually, from the chamberlain of the city; but the directions of the donors have not been strictly observed, by confining the benefit to two poor housekeepers, burgesses or widows of burgesses of this city. It was stated, that the parish officers, and the principal inhabitants of the parish, had not been aware of the precise terms in which these donations were limited; and had, therefore, distributed the sums in small amounts, to an indefinite number of poor persons in the parish; and that it would have been difficult, if it had been known to what objects they had been so limited, to have found persons fully answering the description, so circumstanced as to want such relief; but the vestry acquiesce in the propriety, in future, of looking out, in the first instance, for persons coming under both parts of the description, and carrying the charity into effect by the selection of objects answering, as nearly as may be, the intention of the donors.

The propriety of keeping an account of these donations distinctly, and entering the names of the persons relieved by them and also of requiring some testimonies to their conduct and respectibility, before they are relieved, was also suggested, and acceded to.

FRANCIS GLEED'S CHARITY.

It will appear, by reference to the will of Francis Gleed, dated 29th May, 1661,

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 94. † *Ibid.* p. 136.

which is set forth among the charities in the parish of St. Mary Redcliff (Seventh Report, p. 215), that 40*s.* yearly was to be paid quarterly to some one poor householder or widow of this parish, not receiving weekly alms, to be appointed by the churchwardens and overseers of the parish ; and that no person was to have the benefit of this gift above once in each year.

The churchwardens receive annually from the feoffees of the parish of Christ-Church, to whom the estate, made subject to the annuity of which this payment is a part, was devised, the sum of 38*s.* only, 2*s.* being deducted, as has before been mentioned, for the trouble of receiving and paying this Charity. This sum of 38*s.* has been distributed to poor persons, at Christmas, in different sums, in the same manner as the other general charities in the parish ; but the vestry will in future conform to the precise terms by which the above benefaction was limited by the testator, and pay the same to one poor housekeeper or widow of this parish only.

WILLIAM PENNOYRE'S CHARITY.

William Pennoyre, citizen and clothworker of London, deceased, by his will, dated 25th May, 1670, gave and bequeathed (amongst other lands and hereditaments) his fifteenth part of the manor of Pulham, with the profits of court, wood and timber, thereto belonging, and also all other his messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, in Norfolk, then let to Robert Moore, at 44*l.* per annum, unto Sir John James, and others therein named, of London, their heirs and assigns, for ever, from and after the death of his wife Martha, upon trust, that 41*l.* per annum should be paid out of the rents and profits of Vaunces, and the lands and appurtenances thereto belonging, unto Robert Aldworth, Esquire, Robert Vickris, Timothy Parker, and other persons (being ten altogether), of the city of Bristol, their heirs and assigns, for ever, for the uses following; viz. 10*l.* per annum to a schoolmaster, to teach scholars in St. Leonard's parish, or elsewhere, in Bristol, for his maintenance; for the teaching of about twenty of the poorest boys (fatherless, if it might be), of the said city and liberties, to read the Bible and Accidence, and write and cypher ; and 10*l.* per annum to a sober old widow, to teach poor fatherless children there ; and 16*l.* yearly to a lecturer, to preach once in every week there; and the remaining 5*l.* per annum to the poor of the said parish of St. Leonard, for ever. And the testator declared his will to be, that upon death of the trustees therein named, or of those who should succeed them, the like number should be chosen by the major part of the survivors to succeed in the same trusts.

By a decree of the commissioners, under the 43d of Elizabeth, dated 11th April, 1692, reciting, that by an inquisition taken at Bristol, the 16th of April, then last past, before the Bishop of Bristol, Henry Jones, doctor of laws, and others, by virtue of a commission, dated 31st July preceding, issued under the above mentioned act, it had been found, that the said William Pennoyre had made such will as above recited ; and that it had been further found, by the said inquisition, that Samuel Payne was then vicar of the parish church of St. Leonard, and that the jurors named in the said inquisition conceived

that the said sum of 16*l.* per annum, for preaching the said lecture therein mentioned, ought to be paid to the vicar of the said parish, for the time being; and that it had been further found, that the school, mentioned in the said will to be kept by a sober old widow, had not been kept there for several years past, but had been kept in the parish of St. James, contrary to the said will; it was declared and decreed by the said commissioners, that the said charitable bequests of the said William Pennoyre had been misemployed; and that the said schools, and places for the said schoolmaster and schoolmistress, to teach poor children, mentioned in the said will, should be for ever thereafter kept within the said parish of St. Leonard; and that the trustees of the said sum of 41*l.* per annum, so devised as aforesaid, should, within three month next after notice of that decree, appoint a schoolmaster and schoolmistress, to teach poor children in the said parish; and that the said lecture or sermon, in the said will mentioned, should from time to time, for ever, thereafter be preached in the parish church of St. Leonard, by, or by the direction of, the vicar of the said parish; and that the said sum of 16*l.* per annum should be paid to him for so doing; and that the said trustees should pay to the schoolmaster and schoolmistress, within the said parish of St. Leonard, the sum of 10*l.* per annum a piece, from time to time, and at all times, for ever, thereafter.

It appears, by copies of certain proceedings in chancery, which were produced, that some questions having arisen concerning the application of the said charities, an information was, previous to the year 1726, exhibited in the name of the then attorney general, at the relation of the vicar of the parish church of St. Leonard, the churchwardens and overseers of the same parish, and others, against the surviving trustees named in the said testator's will, to have the said charities established for the future; and that on the 23d February, 1726, the cause came on to be heard, when it was amongst other things decreed, that the schools and places for the schoolmaster and schoolmistress, to teach poor children, as mentioned in the said will, should be for ever thereafter kept within the said parish of St. Leonard, if a convenient school could be found for the purpose; and that the trustees and their successors should, as often as there should be occasion, nominate the schoolmaster and schoolmistress; and that the lecture or sermon should for ever thereafter be preached, once in every week, in the said parish church of St. Leonard, by the vicar of the said parish for the time being; and that the rents arising from the charity lands in the said will, and hereinbefore mentioned, should, from Michaelmas 1726, be paid to the defendants (the trustees for the parish), and their successors, out of which the sum of 16*l.* a year, part thereof, was to be paid to the vicar, 10*l.* a year a piece to the schoolmaster and schoolmistress aforesaid, and 5*l.* a year to the overseer of the poor of the said parish of St. Leonard, for the benefit of the poor of the same parish.

There has been no appointment of new trustees since the 23d November, 1743, the management having been in the hands of the vicar and vestry of the parish for many years past.

The estates, out of which these charities are payable, are in the hands of the governors of Christ's hospital in London, and the sums received from them fluctuated in their amount, until the year 1762, when the sum of 41*l.* was paid by them to the trustees of these charities, being the sum appropriated by the testator, and which sum has continued uniformly to be paid ever since.

This annual payment of 41*l.* is applied by the vestry in the following manner, viz.—

The vicar receives the sum of 16*l.* given him by the testator, which forms a regular item of disbursement in the churchwarden's account, in which account the whole 41*l.* is always credited. A school is kept in part of a house in St. Nicholas-street, within the parish of St. Leonard, which the parish appropriate to this purpose gratuitously. The premises consist of a school-room and a lodging room, in which lodging room the master and mistress (being man and wife), have been accommodated, rent free. The school room is large and convenient, and affords space for forty or fifty children, if requisite. Though the will seems to contemplate a school for teaching forty children, it is clear, that the labour of teaching so many would not be adequately rewarded by the stipend thereby provided. In order to procure fit persons for the purpose, the number was limited to twenty boys and girls; and, to secure the proper teaching even of that number, the parish has found it necessary to make an addition of 10*l.* per annum to the original provision, thus raising the stipends of the master and mistress to 15*l.* each per annum.

The boys are taught reading, writing, and the four first rules of arithmetic; the girls are taught to read, and to sew, and proper care seems to be taken to select proper teachers. The remaining sum of 5*l.* given by the testator, is distributed by the churchwardens, at Christmas, to the poor of this parish, as Mr. Pennoyre's gift, and for the future a regular account is undertaken to be kept of the persons so relieved.

ROBERT SANDFORD'S CHARITY.

Robert Sandford, late of the city of Bristol, Esquire, by his will, dated 6th October, 1755, gave the sum of 100*l.* to be paid to the minister and churchwardens of the parish of St. Leonard, within the city of Bristol, to be by them, and their successors, placed and continued out at interest, and the interest thereof to be paid unto four poor housekeepers of the said parish, not receiving alms, yearly and every year, on St. Thomas's-day, for ever.

It appears, by the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1760, that on the 20th July, in that year, the then churchwarden credited the parish with the receipt of 100*l.* as received under the will of Mr. Sandford, the interest to be paid yearly to four poor housekeepers, not receiving alms. This money, soon after it was received, was invested in the purchase of two turnpike tickets, which were afterwards sold, and the produce of the sales carried to the general account of the parish, and never afterwards invested. We find from the books, that the sum of 4*l.* per annum was continued to be paid to poor persons, as the interest thereof, down to the year 1788. From that period to the year 1800, the accounts seem not to have been regularly kept; but there is reason to suppose that the interest of the money was applied to the poor, though omitted to be brought to account; as, in the year 1800, there is an entry, by which it appears, "that 4*l.* was paid to sundry poor people, on "account of Sandford's gift." From that time, although the general accounts of the parish are regularly continued in the parish book, there occurs no item expressing any application of the interest of this money, until the year 1819, so that during the interval between 1800 and 1819, this charity seems to have been lost sight of altogether.

In the year last mentioned, in consequence of the statement of a poor person in the parish that he had received some charity money formerly, which had been discontinued, an inquiry was made by the vestry clerk, who, after searching the old accounts, informed the churchwardens, that they ought for the future to pay 5*l.* per annum to the poor, as the interest of this gift, which sum has been distributed ever since. The application of this sum has, since the payment has been renewed, been to the poor housekeepers generally, about ten in number; but will in future be limited to the number of four, according to the direction of the testator.

The parish possesses property much more than sufficient to answer this 100*l.*; but it has been agreed, for more effectually securing it, to purchase such a sum in the three per cents, upon the specific account of this charity, as will provide for the regular future payment of 5*l.* a year to the objects of it.

—— COX'S GIFT.

The share to this parish, in Alderman Cox's general gift to the parishes in this city, being 2*s.* 6*d.* per annum, is paid annually, among other sums, to the poor of St. Leonard's, at Christmas.

ANN SOLE'S GIFT.

It appears, by the benefaction table in the church, that Ann Sole, late sexton, left 14*l.* for the use of the church, which it is presumed was applied at once in the repairs thereof, as there is no account of such donation in the parish books.

PARISH OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT.

Alderman Harrington's Gift.
Alderman Kitchen's Gift.
Francis Gleed's Gift.
Abraham Birkin's Gift.
Edward Tilley's Gift.

Elizabeth Pitt's Gift.
Anonymous Gift.
Sarah Rowbotham's Gift.
Thomas Smith's Gift.
Cox's Gift.

ALDERMAN HARRINGTON'S GIFT.

For the origin and particulars of this gift, *see* 6th Report, p. 530,* under the head of Charities under the Management of the Corporation.

The churchwardens of St. Mary-le-Port receive from the chamberlain of the city of Bristol the sum of 2*l.* annually, on account of this gift, which they distribute among poor housekeepers residing in this parish, never exceeding eight in number, in different sums.

ALDERMAN KITCHEN'S GIFT.

The churchwardens of St. Mary-le-Port receive the sum of 2*l.* annually from the chamberlain of the city, on account of this gift, for the origin and particulars of which *see* Eighth Report,† under the head of Corporation Charities.

The churchwardens distribute this sum annually among poor housekeepers residing in this parish, not exceeding eight, in different sums.

FRANCIS GLEED'S GIFT.

The churchwardens of this parish receive an annual sum of 1*l.* 18*s.* from the feoffees of the parish of Christ-Church, on account of this gift.—(*See* the will of Francis Gleed, and the particulars respecting this charity, reported among the charities in the parish of St. Mary Redcliff, Seventh Report, p. 215.)

Though the churchwardens receive only 1*l.* 18*s.* they distribute the sum of 2*l.* annually among poor householders of the parish, usually eight in number, in sums varying according to the circumstances of the persons relieved.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 4. † *Ibid.* p. 136.

ABRAHAM BIRKIN'S GIFT.

THE will of Abraham Birkin, dated 18th November, 1668, is fully set out among the charities in the parish of Temple, *(see* Seventh Report, p. 257,) whereby it appears, that the said Abraham Birkin gave two pieces of ground, in the hundred of Barton Regis, therein described, to the feoffees of the church lands of the parish of St. Mary-le-Port, upon trust, to pay out of the rents and profits thereof 10*l.* a year, for such charitable purposes as therein mentioned; of which 40*s.* per annum were to be distributed, by 10*s.* a piece, to four poor people, living in the said parish, not receiving alms.

The lands are now vested in the present feoffees of the church lands, and are regularly conveyed by proper feoffments, upon every renewal of the trustees.

The premises consist of two closes of land, the one of four acres, and the other of two, both cultivated as garden ground, with a dwelling-house, lately erected upon the small close by one of the former tenants. William Cook is the present tenant, who holds from year to year, at a rent of 30*l.*

The sum of 2*l.*, the share of the parish of St. Mary-le-Port, is received and distributed among poor people of the parish, varying in their number, and in the sums given to them, of whom a regular list is entered in the books belonging to the parish.

N. B.—As it appears to have been the intention of the four donors before mentioned to benefit persons answering the description of housekeepers, in sums not less than 10*s.* each, the propriety of adopting a more strict execution of their intentions, by confining the application to the number of persons prescribed, has been suggested to, and acquiesced in by, the vestry.

EDWARD TILLEY'S GIFT.

IT is stated, on the benefaction table in the church, that "Mr. Edward Tilley, of this city, gave 100*l.* to four parishes of this city, whereof this parish hath a quarter part, the profit thereof to be given weekly to the poor in bread, for ever."

There does not appear in any of the parish books to be any entry of any benefaction in the name of Mr. Edward Tilley; but a quantity of bread is given away weekly by the churchwardens to the poor of this parish, the cost of which covers the whole amount of what the parish are bound to distribute in bread, under all the bread gifts to them taken together, as after mentioned.

ELIZABETH PITT'S GIFT.

Upon the benefaction table in the church this gift is thus stated :—

"1693.—Mrs. Elizabeth Pitt, widow, some time of this parish, gave ten pounds, the profit thereof to the poor, yearly, for ever."

There is no other document or account respecting this gift in the possession of the parish; but the yearly sum of 10*s*. on account of it, is understood to be included in the weekly distribution of bread to the poor of the parish, as after mentioned.

ANONYMOUS GIFT.

Upon the benefaction table in the church is the following inscription :—

"1736.—A private donation of 10*l*. 10*s*. the profit thereof to be distributed, annually, to the poor in bread, the Sunday before St. Paul's-day."

There is no other document or account of this gift in the possession of the parish; but it is understood that the sum of 10*s*. is distributed in bread, weekly, among the poor of the parish, on account of this gift.

N. B.—There are only three bread gifts belonging to this parish; viz. Edward Tilley's gift, Elizabeth Pitt's gift, and the anonymous gift above-mentioned, amounting in the whole to 2*l*. 5*s*. 6*d*. per annum; and the vestry distributes 1*s*. worth of bread, weekly, among the poor of the parish, making in the whole 2*l*. 12*s*. per annum.

SARAH ROWBOTHAM'S GIFT.

Upon the benefaction table there is the following inscription :—

"1766.—Mrs. Sarah Rowbotham gave twenty-one pounds, the interest thereof to a poor widow or widows, yearly, for ever."

In the books belonging to the parish, it appears that one guinea is divided in respect of this gift, annually, between two poor widows of the parish, but not always in equal sums.

THOMAS SMITH'S GIFT.

In the churchwarden's account book, for the year 1779, there is the following extract from Mr. Thomas Smith's will:—

"I give to the churchwardens, for the time being, of the parish of St. Mary-le-Port the sum of 400*l.*, in trust, to be by them put out at interest, and the interest therefrom arising, from time to time, to pay as follows:—

"Forty shillings each, yearly, to the clerk and sexton, for their attendance; and the residue of the said interest to the minister of the said parish for the time being, for reading prayers in the said church every Wednesday and Friday mornings."

And at the foot of the said extract occurs the following memorandum:—

"The above sum of 400*l.* is laid out in the four per cents., for which was purchased 550*l.*; the interest of which, being 22*l.* per annum, is received half yearly, by Messrs. Tindall, Elton, Gillam, and Edge, bankers, Clare-street."

This sum of 550*l.* stock is now standing in the names of William Morgan, John Cooper, William Grigg, and Thomas Prichard, junior, four of the select vestry of St. Mary-le-Port, and the dividends are received by the churchwardens.

The clerk and sexton have not been specifically paid the 40*s.* respectively given to them by the will; but the parish have paid them a regular annual stipend, in which is included the said 40*s.* each.

The vestry have undertaken for the future, that these specific donations to the clerk and sexton shall be separately accounted for, and paid to them respectively, independently of their annual stipend.

The sum of 18*l.*, the remainder of the dividends, is regularly paid by the churchwardens to the rector, as appears from their books of account; and prayers are read in the church on Wednesdays and Fridays, as directed by the donor.

COX'S GIFT.

The parish receive, under Cox's gift to the parishes of Bristol, from the hands of the chamberlain of the city, 7*s.* 6*d.*, which is annually divided in money among two poor persons.

N. B.—The estates belonging to the parish greatly exceed in value the charity moneys in the possession of the parish.

PARISH OF ST. MARY-REDCLIFF.

Queen Elizabeth's Free Grammar and Writing School.
The Pile-street School.
The Almshouse on Redcliff-hill.
The Almshouse at Temple-gate.
Fry's Mercy House.
Miscellaneous Charities :—
Charities of Robert Rogers and Sir Rd. Rogers.
Charity of George Gibbes.
Charities of William Pitt and Mary Stiles.
Charities of Blanch Yeaman, Charity White, Ann Edson, and Robert Edson.
John Hayter's Charity.
Francis Gleed's Charity.
Ann Edson's Charity.
Mary Gibbs's Charity.
Arthur Farmer's Charity.
Thomas Farmer's Charity.
Charity of Richard Vickris.
Sir William Penn's Charity.
William Curtis's Charity.
Charity of Elizabeth Caro.
Joseph Bullock's Charity.
Mary Casbeard's Charity.
Charity of Sarah Birks.
Richard Luckcock's Charity.
Elizabeth Yeaman's Charity.
Jeremiah Holloway's Charity.
Sir Robert Yeaman's Charity.
Samuel Hale's Charity.
John Lawford's Charity.
Margaret Stokes's Charity.
Susannah Compton's Charity.
William Whitehead's Charity.
Alice West's Charity.
William James's Charity.
Ann Tilly's Charity.
John Newman's Charity.
Lady Yeaman's Charity.
Mary Smith's Charity.
Edward Dowell's Charity.
John Jaine's Charity.
Ann White's Charity.
Robert Sandford's Charity.
Charities vested in the Corporation of Bristol.
Contribution for ringing the bells.
Alderman Brown's Charity.
The Church and Pipe lands.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S FREE GRAMMAR AND WRITING SCHOOL.

QUEEN ELIZABETH, by letters patent, dated the 30th of June, in the 13th year of her reign, granted and ordained that there might and should be thenceforth, for ever, one grammar and writing school in the parish of Redcliff, which should be called Queen Elizabeth's Free Grammar and Writing School, for the education, teaching, and instruction of boys and youth in grammar and learning; and decreed and founded that school of one master and one under-master for ever to continue and endure: and that her majesty's intent might have the better effect, and that the lands, tenements, rents, and revenues, and other things thereafter to be granted, assigned, and appointed, for the sustentation of the said school, might be the better governed, for the firm continuance of the said school, her majesty willed and ordained, that for the future there ever might and should be twelve discreet and honest men, who should be, and should be called, governors of the said free grammar and writing school, and of all the possessions, revenues, and goods of the same free-school; and therefore her said majesty assigned, nominated, and constituted, certain persons in the said letters patent mentioned to be the first and present governors, as well of the said free grammar and writing school as of all and singular the possessions, revenues, and goods appertaining or belonging, or that should at any time thereafter belong, to the said free-school, well and faithfully to exercise and discharge the same office, from the date of the said letters patent, during their natural life; and that the said governors and their successors in deed, fact, and name, might and should be for the future one body corporate and politic of themselves for ever, her majesty did, by the said letters patent, incorporate the same governors and their successors by the name of the Governors of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar and Writing School within the parish of Redcliff, within the liberty of the city of Bristol, and of the possessions, revenues, and goods, of the same free-school; and her said majesty did thereby appoint, erect, make, and confirm them a body corporate and politic by the same name, for ever to continue really and fully. And, further, her said majesty willed, ordained, and granted, that the said governors of the said free grammar and writing school, and of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the said free-school, might and should have a perpetual succession, and, under the same name, should and might be fit persons, and capable in the law to have, acquire, and receive to themselves and their successors, governors of the said free-school, and of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the said school, manors, lands, tenements, possessions, revenues, and

hereditaments, and all goods and chattels whatsoever, from her said majesty, her heirs and successors, or from any other person or persons whomsoever. And also her said majesty ordained and decreed, that, as often and whensoever it should happen that any one or more of the said twelve governors for the time being should die, then and so often it should and might be lawful for all others the said governors then surviving, or for the greater part of them, to elect and nominate another fit person, or other fit persons, from out of the inhabitants of the aforesaid parish, to succeed in the place or places of him or them so dying in the office of governor ; and so from time to time as often as it should so happen. And, further, her said majesty granted to the before-named governors and their successors, that for the future they might ever have a common seal to perform and dispatch from time to time their afore-mentioned business, and other matters expressed and specified in the said letters patent, as oft as there should be occasion and they should think fit ; and that the said governors and their successors, or the greater part of them for the time being for ever, might and should have full power and authority from time to time, of choosing, nominating, and appointing, a master and usher of the said free-school, as oft as to them the said governors and to their successors, or the major part of them, from any causes them thereunto moving, should seem meet, and of removing the said master and usher, or either of them, from the said school, and according to their wise discretion, of placing and appointing other persons more fit, or another person more fit, in his or their place or places, and of doing any thing else from time to time which should be necessary and expedient for the said free-school and scholars; and that the governors and their successors, with the consent of the mayor of Bristol, aforesaid, for the time being, from time to time, should and might have power and be competent to make good and wholesome statutes, decrees, and ordinances, in writing, touching and concerning the management, order, government, and direction, of the master and usher and scholars of the said free-school, and of every of them, for the time being, and of the stipend and salary of them the said master and usher, and all other things whatsoever appertaining to, touching, and concerning the said free-shool, and the ordering, management, preservation, and disposal of the revenues, rents, and goods, appointed and to be appointed for the support of the said school ; which statutes, decrees, and ordinances, her said majesty willed and commanded inviolably to be observed from time to time for ever ; and further, that the said governors, who then were, and for the future should be, might be the better enabled to maintain and support fully and decently the said free-school, and also the expences and larger burdens of the same, and to help such children as to them should seem most in need thereof, her said majesty gave and granted to the aforesaid governors of the said free grammar and writing school of Queen Elizabeth, within the parish aforesaid, and of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the said free-school, and to their successors, her special license, and also free, full, and lawful ability, power, and authority, to have, receive, and obtain to them and their successors for ever, as well from her said majesty, her heirs, and successors, as from any other person or persons whomsoever, manors, messuages, lands, tenements, rectories, tithes, or other hereditaments whatsoever, within this kingdom of England, or elsewhere, within her said majesty's dominions, provided they exceeded not the clear yearly value of 40*l.* ; and also, provided they were not held of her said majesty, her heirs, or successors, in chief or otherwise, by night service.

ALDERMAN WHITSON'S BENEFACTION.

It has been already shown, in our report of Alderman Whitson's charities, [*See* Bristol Charities, Report VI.*], that he devised to the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the city of Bristol, certain rents, stated to amount to 8*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, and three bushels and a half of wheat, and three bushels of rye, by the year, "for the maintenance and preferment of the schoolmaster of the free-school, at or near Redcliff-church, (he being an honest and learned scholar, and endeavouring to set forwards poor freemen's children, of the said city, in the English and Latin tongue.)"

Having inquired into the particulars of the rents thus devised, we have ascertained that their correct amount was 8*l.* 11*s.* 6½*d.* in money, three bushels and a half of wheat, and three bushels and a half of rye.

For many years past, beginning (as appears from the accounts) in 1762, it has been the practice for the respective tenants to pay certain stated sums of money in lieu of the corn-rents :—

	£	s.	d.
These sums, amounting together to the sum of	1	2	9
being added to the money-rents, amounting as above-mentioned, to	8	11	6½
Make a total of	9	14	3½
From which deducting a sum annually allowed for collecting the rents; viz.	0	11	9½
There remains the sum of	£9	2	6

Being the sum which, in our report of Whitson's charities above referred to, we stated to be annually paid to the master of this school.

On reference to the leases on which the corn-rents were reserved, we found that those rents were all payable in kind, without any provision for a commutation, (except in one instance, in which the lease has since expired.) As the sums which have been hitherto paid by way of commutation appear to have been for many years inadequate to the actual value of the corn which ought to have been rendered, we are of opinion that the interests of the charity require that those rents should in future be demanded in kind, or that a more adequate price should be obtained for them.

DR. GEORGE OWEN'S SUPPOSED BENEFACTION.

On a tablet in the school-room, purporting to contain a list of benefactions to the school, we found the following inscription :—

"Dr. George Owen, physician to King Henry the Eighth, 4*l.* per annum, paid by the chamberlain."

In our report of Foster's almshouse [*See* Report VI.† Bristol Charities], we have briefly noticed a deed of the 25th June, 1613, whereby George Owen, Esq., in consideration of the sum of 200*l.* conveyed certain premises to the then mayor of Bristol, and other persons in fee. In the description which the deed gives of these premises, the greater part of them are stated to be then in the tenure or occupation of the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the city of Bristol, and to have been theretofore demised to them by George Owen, Esq., doctor of physic, deceased, for a certain term of years yet

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 44. † *Ibid.* p. 87.

unexpired, by indenture of lease dated 2d May, 6th Edward VI. We have been unable to obtain any further information respecting the contents of this lease than what was furnished by the entry in the Corporation Book, to which we adverted in our Report above-mentioned, and by which it appeared that the lease was for a term of 99 years, and that there was reserved during the term a weekly stipend of 7*d.* to each of ten poor men to be placed in Foster's almshouse. This is the only charitable provision which Dr. Owen is stated to have made by that lease.

We have shown that the reversion was conveyed by George Owen, Esq., for valuable consideration, and without any mention of a charitable use. The following is the copy of an order of the common council, which appears to have been made preparatory to the purchase :—

"7th April, 1612. It is agreed, that Mr. John Whitson, alderman, with the privity and consent of Mr. Mayor and Aldermen, shall deal with George Owen, Esq., for the purchasing of the lands given by George Owen, Esq., deceased, to the mayor and commonalty for the relief of certain poor people, and shall conclude with him for the same lands and the inheritance thereof, if it may be obtained for any reasonable price ; and the money, which shall be paid for the same purchase, shall be disbursed by the mayor and commonalty of this city."

The advance of the purchase-money by the corporation would give them an equitable title to the reversion for their own use, although the legal estate was conveyed to other parties, probably with a view of guarding against a merger of the term, which still subsisted in the corporation under Dr. Owen's lease.

It may be proper here to observe, that there appears, upon the purchase-deed, an indorsement in an ancient hand-writing, but without signature, and evidently of a later date than the body of the deed, entitling it, "Dr. Owen's Feoffment in trust for the Poor;" but in the absence of any evidence of such a trust, either expressly or by implication, we can only ascribe that indorsement to error, arising probably from the appropriation which the corporation were found to have made of the rents to the use of the poor and other charitable purposes.

We have briefly mentioned, in our former Report, the fact of such appropriation, the antiquity of which is witnessed by the entry in the corporation book, which we have before alluded to, and which is evidently very old, although it has no date affixed to it. We have now to add, that among the several payments which that entry enumerates as being annually made out of the rents, is a sum of 4*l.*, "to the master of a grammar-school, founded in the parish of Redcliff, yearly."

We have traced this payment as far back as the year 1619, (being six years after the purchase of the reversion), when we find, under date of the 10th February, the following entry in one of the corporation books :—

"It is this day ordained, that there shall be 4*l.* yearly assured, to be paid out of the lands called Dr. Owen's Lands, by the feoffees of the same lands, to the maintenance of a school-master, to be placed in the free-school at Redcliff, so long as it shall be converted to that use and no other."

This is the same 4*l.* which is recorded on the benefaction table, as the gift of Dr. Owen ; but it is contended, on the part of the corporation, that it originatedin the foregoing order ; and we have found no evidence to warrant us in forming a different opinion.

GRANT BY THE FEOFFEES OF REDCLIFF CHURCH LANDS.

By indenture, dated 31st December, 1762, between the Rev. Thomas Broughton, clerk, and others, described as surviving feoffees of Redcliff church lands, of the one part; and the governors of Queen Elizabeth's free grammar and writing school, within the parish of Redcliff, within the liberties of the city of Bristol, and of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the same free school, of the other part; after reciting, that it was lately represented to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Bristol, by petition, as well under the hands of the vicar, churchwardens, and several of the vestrymen and feoffees of the parish of St. Mary Redcliff, as of the governors of the free grammar and writing school aforesaid, by the consent and approbation of Isaac Elton, Esq., then mayor of the said city of Bristol, testified by his signing his name, that her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, by her letters patent, &c. had granted and ordained, that there should be one grammar and writing school, &c. (as set forth in the letters patent); that the said school, ever since the foundation thereof, had been kept and continued in a house belonging to the said parish church, situate very near the said church at the westward end, and at the southward side thereof; that the beauty and magnificence of the said parish church of St. Mary Redcliff were greatly impaired and diminished by the situation of the said schoolhouse; that the said petitioners being desirous that the said school-house might be taken down and removed, on account of its standing before and obstructing the view of the said church, the said feoffees, with the approbation and at the request of the other petitioners, were willing to provide a more convenient school-room than the present, and to settle another house or an annuity, in lieu thereof, upon, or for the use of, the master of the said school for the time being, more than equivalent to the then present house; whereupon proceedings were had in the Episcopal court of the Lord Bishop of Bristol, and the said Lord Bishop did give and grant unto John Cook and Joseph Thomas, churchwardens of the parish of St. Mary Redcliff, his license or faculty, dated 6th November, then last past, for taking down the said school-house, and removing the said school to the Lady's chapel, at the east end of the parish church of St. Mary Redcliff aforesaid, in which faculty was nevertheless contained a proviso, that the said school-house, or any part thereof, should not be taken down till the said feoffees had, in lieu thereof, sufficiently secured the yearly sum of 8*l.* to be paid half-yearly, clear of all deductions, to the governors of the said school for the time being, for the use and benefit of the same school; and further reciting, that at a meeting of the vestry of the parish of St. Mary Redcliff, on the 22d day of November then last, an order was made for settling the said annuity, or yearly sum of 8*l.* on the said governors, to be issuing out of the several estates thereafter-mentioned, being part of the said church lands; and further reciting, that the said feoffees had already fitted up a complete handsome school-room in the Lady's Chapel above-mentioned: it was witnessed that, in consideration of the premises, the said feoffees did thereby give, grant, and confirm to the said governors, one annuity or yearly rent-charge of 3*l.*, issuing out of all those closes or parcels of meadow and pasture ground, anciently called Harlingham, or the Waterside Leaze, containing, by estimation, twenty acres, situate in the parish of Bedminster; and also one annuity or yearly rent-charge of 1*l.* 10*s.*, issuing out of all that messuage or tenement and garden ground, with the appurtenances, formerly in the possession of Thomas Baynard, Esq., and also out of all that messuage or tenement, and garden ground, with

the appurtenances, formerly in the possession of William Goodman, both which messuages were situate in Redcliff Hill, in the parish of Redcliff aforesaid; and also one annuity or yearly rent-charge of 3*l.* 10*s.* issuing out of all that messuage or tenement, glasshouse, stable, counting-house, part of a warehouse and part of a garden, then in the occupation of Messrs. Taylors; and also out of all those eight several messuages or tenements, lying contiguous to the street, lane, or road, leading from Temple-Gate to Redcliff Mead Stile; and also out of all gardens, outlets, and appurtenances thereto belonging; and also out of a certain other garden on the eastward side, in the said indenture more particularly mentioned; to hold to the said governors, and their successors, for ever, clear of all deductions, and to be paid on the 25th of March and 29th of September, in every year, by equal portions.

The premises charged with these several annuities are still vested in the feoffees of the Redcliff church lands, with the exception of a few acres of the land at Bedminster, which were sold, as will be hereafter seen (in our account of the church and pipe lands), under the powers of an Act of Parliament.

ACCUMULATIONS.

The respective annuities, the particulars of which have been above stated, and which amount together to the sum of 21*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, appear to have been at all times regularly paid to the master of the school, when there has been a master to receive them; but some interval having occurred between the years 1806 and 1810, and again in 1813, during which no master was appointed, the sums accruing during those intervals remained respectively in the hands of the corporation and vestry, and have not as yet been appropriated. The following is a statement of their amount:—

In the hands of the Corporation:—			£	s.	d.
From 1806, June 24, to 1810, September 29 ..	4½ years	4½ years, at 9*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for Whitson's Rents	41	1	3
From 1813, September 29, to December 24 ..	½ ditto	4½ years, at 4*l.* ..... Owen's	18	0	0
			£59	1	3

In the hands of the Vestry:—					
From 1806, June 24, to 1808, June 24	2 years	3¾ years, at 8*l.*	30	0	0
From 1809, March 25, to 1810, September 29 ..	1½ ditto				
From 1813, September 29, to December 24	¼ ditto				
		Total	£89	1	3

With respect, however, to the annuity of 4*l.* payable out of Dr. Owen's lands, it is proper to observe, that the corporation do not conceive themselves liable to be called upon consistently with the terms of the order of the 10th February, 1619, to pay for any interval of time during which the school has been suspended; but they have intimated their intention not to avail themselves of the benefit of that exemption in the present instance, if the sum,

which yet remains in their hands unappropriated, may by any means be rendered conducive to the restoration and effective establishment of the school.

It is with regret that we proceed to report the state in which we found this school.

Since the appointment of the present master (which took place on the 13th of December, 1813,) there has been no free scholar, nor more than one private scholar, who remained only for the short space of three months.

His immediate predecessor, who was appointed on the 2d of January, 1811, does not appear to have had any free scholar, nor more than three or four private scholars during the space of nearly three years that he retained the place.

We have already seen the intervals from June 24th, 1806, during which the place of master continued vacant.

The Rev. ——— Evans, who was appointed in May, 1805, is stated to have had from ten to fifteen scholars; but it does not appear that any of them were on the foundation.

We have not been able to trace the state of the school to an earlier period than about thirty-five years ago, when the Rev. Dr. Robins was master, who, we are given to understand, had about forty scholars, of whom, however, not more than two or three appear to have been on the foundation.

Dr. Robins was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Thomas, who retained the appointment until 1803, and who is also represented to have had a large school, consisting generally of about thirty scholars, some of whom (but the number is not specified), are stated to have been free scholars.

It appears upon the whole sufficiently clear, that for the last thirty-five years at least, very little benefit has been derived to the parish from this charity, the operation of which may be considered to have been for several years past wholly suspended. We feel much at a loss to account for so total a failure, when we consider that the school, by the terms of its original foundation, was destined for the instruction of writing as well as grammar; and that the further duty of instructing in the English language was superadded to it in consideration of Alderman Whitson's devise; but we have reason to fear, that these advantages have not been sufficiently promulgated in the parish, and we cannot but think that much injury has resulted to the school, from the want of a more vigilant superintendance over its interests, and a more zealous co-operation in furthering them, than the governors for several years past appear to have exercised.

THE PILE-STREET SCHOOL.

This school appears to have originated in voluntary subscriptions, some time before the year 1733; but the design was probably suggested by a provision in the will of Edward Colston, Esq., to which we shall presently more particularly advert.

By indenture of bargain and sale, dated 31st October, 1738, and enrolled in Chancery the 14th February following, Edmund Sanders, in consideration of the sum of 72*l.* 10*s.* to him in hand paid by the grantees, granted and conveyed to the Rev. John Gibb, clerk, vicar of the parish church of Redcliff, and twelve others, parishioners of the said parish of Redcliff, and sixteen others, parishioners of the parish of St. Thomas, in Bristol, all that

messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house, with the garden behind the same, situate in or near a certain place or street, called Pile-street, without Redcliff Gate, in the said parish of Redcliff, together with all houses, outhouses, &c. and appurtenances to the said messuage or tenement belonging; to hold to the grantees, their heirs and assigns, for ever; with a covenant to levy fines and make other assurance. And it was agreed by and between the parties to that indenture, and declared to be the true intent and meaning of that indenture, that all fines, conveyances, and other assurances whatsoever, of the premises thereby granted, should be and enure to the use of the grantees, their heirs, and assigns, for ever, in trust, from time to time, and at all times thereafter, to bestow and employ the rents and profits of the premises in and about the clothing and instructing forty poor boys of the said parishes of Redcliff and St. Thomas, in the doctrine and principles of the church of England, as then by law established, and in reading, writing, and casting accompts; and, to that end, in maintaining and supporting an able and experienced master, to teach and instruct them in the doctrine and principles aforesaid, which master, as well as the said boys, should be subject to, and observant of, such rules and orders, restrictions, and regulations, as should be from time to time made by the grantees, or the survivors or survivor of them, or the greater number of the survivors; with a clause for renewing the trusts, when the number of feoffees should be reduced to four.

It appears from the recitals of a new trust-deed, of the 16th June, 1779, that the better to carry into execution the charitable purposes for which the said messuage or tenement had been granted, the trustees had caused the said messuage to be pulled down, and a new one erected on the site, which had been since used as a school-house, and that a master had resided therein, and had instructed poor boys of the said parishes of Redcliff and St. Thomas, in the doctrine and principles of the church of England, and in reading, writing, and casting accompts; and that such poor boys had been clothed, and the said school supported, by voluntary contributions.

The school still continues at the present day to receive its principal support from voluntary contributions; but it also derives an additional income from the following sources:—

EDWARD COLSTON'S BENEFACTION.

Edward Colston, Esq., by his will, dated the 26th May, 1720, after reciting, that he had ordered certain sermons to be preached in some of the parish churches of Bristol, every Wednesday and Friday during the Lent, yearly, which he had continued during his life, with an allowance of 20*l.* per annum to the ministers who should preach them, declared it to be his will, that if his executors and nominees, or the greater number of them then living, should at the end of three years approve of, and be satisfied, that such preaching had proved beneficial to the inhabitants of the said city, by inclining them to a love and good liking of the institutions of the primitive church, the society of merchants of the city of Bristol, yearly, from thenceforth, for ever, should, out of the fee-farm rents thereinafter devised to them, continue the payment of the said 20*l.* per annum, for supporting such preaching; but if the said ministers should be negligent in the faithful performance of what was so appointed and recommended to them, then such gift was to cease; and he thereby ordered the said 20*l.* to be yearly paid to the churchwardens of Redcliff and St. Thomas parishes, of the said city, towards promoting and maintaining a

charity school in each of the said parishes, for twenty children at least, if the parishioners would raise a fund, or contribute so much more as would be sufficient for teaching them to read, write, cypher, and the church catechism; and, in default thereof, the said 20*l.* to be yearly paid and distributed amongst forty poor housekeepers of the said two parishes, who should not receive alms, and should frequent and conform to the doctrine of the then established church. And he gave to the master, wardens, assistants, and commonalty of merchants adventurers, of the city of Bristol, and their successors, for ever, all that fee-farm rent of 39*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* issuing for ever out of the manor of Sharpwicks, in the county of Dorset, in trust, among other things, to pay the said annuity of 20*l.* in the manner before expressed and appointed.

We are given to understand, that the lent sermons were discontinued about the year 1732; and it appears that, since the year 1747, the Pile-street school has been in the regular receipt of this annuity of 20*l.*

WORGAN'S BENEFACTION.

The following inscription appears on a tablet in the church:—

"1746.—Mr. Matthew Worgan, of this city, gave 21*l.* to the vestry of this parish, the interest yearly to be given for the use of the school in Pile-street, for ever."

This gift appears, from the accounts of the vestry, to have been received on the 31st March, 1746, in respect of which there is annually paid from the general funds of the parish, the sum of 16*s.* 9*d.* for the use of this school.

FRY'S BENEFACTION.

William Fry, who was for several years churchwarden of Redcliff parish, in the year 1776, while yet in office, gave credit in his account with the vestry for the sum of 100*l.* in these words:—"William Fry's donation, the interest for the use of the school in Pile-street, and to apprentice a boy, 100*l.*"

The annual sum of 4*l.* is allowed by the vestry for interest upon this gift, of which one half is paid over for the general purposes of the school, and the other remains in their own hands, with other moneys, for apprenticing; the particulars of which will be presently given.

GULLY'S BENEFACTION.

The benefaction table further records, that Mr. James Gully, in 1776, left by will 50*l.* to the vestry, the interest thereof towards clothing the boys in Pile-street school.

This legacy is credited in the vestry accounts for the year 1776, and the sum of 2*l.* is annually allowed by the vestry as interest thereof.

WATSON'S BENEFACTION.

It also appears, from the benefaction table, that Mr. George Watson, in 1777, gave to the vestry 20*l.*, the interest to be paid yearly to the treasurer of the school in Pile-street, towards clothing the boys therein for ever.

This gift is also credited in the vestry accounts for 1777, and the annual sum of 16*s.* is allowed as the interest.

MISS POWELL'S BENEFACTION.

Miss Jane Powell, in 1818, gave 21*l.*, the interest to be laid out in the purchase of books published by the society for promoting religious knowledge.

This gift was applied to the purchase of 26*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.*, three per cent. consols, yielding the annual dividend of 15*s.* 8*d.*

SAVINGS.

The charity also possesses the following funds, derived from savings of income, viz :—

	£	s.	d.
£892 9*s.* three per cent. consols, producing annually	26	15	4
£200 on the security of the Bristol Paving Commissioners, at five per cent. interest	10	0	0
	£36	15	4

The following summary will show the total amount derived from the several sources of income above-mentioned, viz :—

	£	s.	d.
Colston's Benefaction	20	0	0
Worgan's Ditto	0	16	9
Fry's Ditto, one moiety	2	0	0
Gully's Ditto	2	0	0
Watson's Ditto	0	16	0
Miss Powell's Ditto	0	15	8
Savings	36	15	4
	£63	3	9
Subscriptions are collected in both the parishes of Redcliff and St. Thomas, producing, on the average, the sum of	110	0	0
	£173	3	9

The principal items of expenditure consist of a salary of 50*l.* to the master, and a gratuity of five guineas voted to him as a testimony of approbation at Easter ; about 65*l.* for clothing, and about 23*l.* for coals, books, stationery, printing, rewards to the boys, &c. There are, besides, repairs and taxes for the school-house, and other incidental charges, so that the total average expenditure may be stated at about 150*l.* or 160*l.*

The school consists of forty free boys, who are taken from both the parishes of Redcliff and Saint Thomas ; in addition to which number the master has the privilege of taking twenty-five other boys, as private scholars. The school is kept in the school-house, in which the master also resides. The scholars are instructed in reading, writing, and arithmetic, and in the principles of the established religion.

APPRENTICE FUND; FISHER'S BENEFACTION.

John Fisher gave by will 100*l.* to be paid to the vestry of St. Mary Redcliff, in trust, to employ the profit thereof yearly in placing forth apprentice a poor boy of the parish of

Redcliff, who had been educated in the charity school belonging to the parishes of St. Mary Redcliff and St. Thomas; but, if it should happen that the said school should fail, and be discontinued, then his will was that the profit of the said 100*l.* should yearly be given and equally divided between the ten most ancient persons, either men or women, inhabiting in the two almshouses in the said parish, the one at the lower end of Redcliff Hill, and the other without Temple Gate, at Christmas, for ever.

This legacy appears to have been received by the vestry on the 21st February, 1742, and the annual sum of 4*l.* has been since allowed by them as interest upon it.

BENEFACTION OF THE REDCLIFF CONSTABLES.

The benefaction table records, under the date of 1776, that a set of gentlemen gave 20*l.* to the vestry, the interest thereof to augment a late donation to apprentice a boy out of the school in Pile-street for ever.

This is understood to be the same sum of 20*l.* for which credit is given in the vestry accounts for 1777, as the donation of the constables, received from Mr. Fry.

The annual sum of sixteen shillings is allowed by the vestry as interest upon it.

The late donation, alluded to by the inscription on the table above-mentioned, is evidently that of William Fry, which we have before noticed.

The apprentice fund is under the management of the vestry, whose account of its appropriation is as follows:—

		£	s.	d.
1821, Feb. 21.	—Interest on Fisher's legacy, from the 21st February, 1742, 79 years at 4*l.*	316	0	0
—	Ditto on Fry's gift, from 21st February, 1778, 43 years, at 2*l.*	86	0	0
—	Ditto on the constables' ditto, from ditto, 43 years, at 16*s.*	34	8	0
		436	8	0
1747 to 1755.	Ten apprentices put forth at premiums of 4*l.* each	40	0	0
1759 to 1769.	Twelve ditto at ditto	41	0	0
	Two ditto at 8*l.*	16	0	0
1775 to 1786.	One ditto	4	0	0
	One ditto	6	0	0
	Four ditto at 8*l.*	32	0	0
1788 to 1799.	One ditto	12	0	0
	Six ditto at 6*l.*	36	0	0
1800 to 1810.	Sixteen ditto at ditto	96	0	0
	Four ditto at 4*l.*	16	0	0
	One ditto	3	0	0
1810 to 1820.	One ditto	6	0	0
	Nineteen ditto at 4*l.*	76	0	0
		391	0	0
	Balance remaining in the hands of the vestry	£ 45	8	0

The benefit of this apprentice fund appears to be duly confined to boys educated at the Pile-street school.

The following summary will show the total amount of the moneys which have from time to time been received by the vestry, for the use of this school :—

	£	s.	d.
Worgan's Benefaction	21	0	0
Fry's ..... ditto	100	0	0
Gully's ..... ditto	50	0	0
Watson's .... ditto	20	0	0
Fisher's ..... ditto	100	0	0
The Constables' ditto	20	0	0
Total, bearing interest at 4 per cent.	311	0	0
Balance of apprentice fund	45	8	0
	£356	8	0

THE ALMSHOUSE ON REDCLIFF-HILL.

This almshouse is reputed to have been founded by William Cannynge about the year 1440; which opinion is countenanced by an entry in one of the corporation books enumerating the various benefactions of William Cannynge to the city of Bristol, and stating, among other things, that he founded an almshouse on Redcliff-hill, and gave every one of his poor there 20*s*. a piece. It does not appear whether these 20*s*. were intended as a permanent endowment, or in what manner the payment was secured; nor have we been able to gain any other information whatever relative to this supposed foundation.

It appears, however, from the certificate of the Commissioners under the statute of chauntries, which we have inspected in the Augmentation Office, that William Cannynge founded two chauntries in Redcliff-church, for two priests to sing at the altars, for two annual obits; and moreover "to distribute certain money yearly for ever, to relief of the poor people." The lands and tenements belonging to these chauntries are certified to be of the annual value of 34*l*. 19*s*. 4*d*., out of which there was paid to the poor the yearly sum of 26*s*. 8*d*. It is possible that the poor in the almshouse may have had the benefit of this annual payment, which would necessarily determine upon the seizure of the chauntries into the hands of the crown. Under what circumstances the property, which was so seized, was afterwards granted by Queen Elizabeth to the use of the church, will more properly appear in the account which we propose to give of the Redcliff church lands, in a subsequent part of this Report.

From the earliest period to which the parish books yet extant enable us to trace (viz. the year 1548,) this house and the Temple Gate almshouse (of which we shall presently speak) appear to have been under the management of the vestry, and (except in the instances hereafter noticed) to have been kept in repair by the general parish funds. There are also occasional charges in the earlier accounts, for shrouds and funeral expenses for persons dying in those almshouses; but there is no trace of any periodical or other contribution

from the parish funds to the support of the almspeople ; although it is possible that they may have always participated (as they are found to do at this day) in the general charities to the poor of the parish.

For more than a century past both these almshouses have been appropriated to the reception of parish paupers, in consequence of arrangements made with the corporation of the poor of Bristol, in reference to which subject the following extracts, from the books of that corporation, convey the whole of the information that we have been able to collect.

1700, October 31.—"The guardian of Saint Mary Redcliff reported, that the vestry of that parish have offered the almshouse without Temple Gate to the corporation of the poor, by paying them a peppercorn annually. The court accepted the same with thanks, and returned the same by the guardian of the ward. It was then ordered, that Mr. Callowhill and others (named,) do apply themselves to Mr. Thomas Edwards and Major Wade, in order to get a conveyance made accordingly; and further, that the said committee do agree with workmen for the repairing or rebuilding the same, as they shall see fit."

1705, April 13th.—"Upon an inspection of the almshouse at Temple Gate, belonging to the parish of Redcliff, found it was inhabited by rude disorderly people."

1718, October 9th.—"E. Sanders and others ordered to inspect into the almshouses on Redcliff-hill and Temple Gate, and to put them into such repair as they shall see needful; and also to inspect into the poor people now dwelling there, and to turn out such as shall be found disorderly, and also those who have no settlement there, and to put in such as are more fitting."

1774, September 12th.—"The committee of the corporation of the poor agree to allow the churchwarden of St. Mary Redcliff 16*l.* per annum, in lieu of sixpence per week to twenty-five poor persons in the almshouses at Temple-Gate and on Redcliff-Hill; and that they keep the said almshouses in repair and fully occupied, according to the true meaning of this opinion, namely, persons who have a settlement there.

Since this last-mentioned period, the annuity of 16*l.* has been regularly paid by the corporation of the poor, and the almspeople have been appointed and the almshouses kept in repair by the vestry. The appointments are made from among parish paupers receiving relief from the corporation of the poor, which continues to be extended to them in the almshouses. The number of almspeople in the Redcliff Hill almshouse is fourteen, each occupying a separate room. In addition to the relief afforded to them by the corporation of the poor, they are allowed to participate in a small degree in the general charities of the parish, and they enjoy the advantage of the following benefaction :—

WILLIAM PREWETT'S BENEFACTION.

It is recorded on the benefaction table, that William Prewett, in 1733, gave 10*s.* out of two tenements at Cathay, for the poor in the Spital House, Redcliff-Hill, yearly, for ever.

The premises subject to this charge are two houses in Prewett-street, Cathay, at present the property of Mrs. Bartlett. The annuity is duly paid, and is divided among the almspeople as nearly as possible in equal shares.

We have further to add upon the subject of this almshouse on Redcliff-hill, that, about the year 1804, the old house was taken down, and a new one built, by the Dock

Company under the powers of their act, and at their own expense, the site being a little shifted for the convenience of their works. Some ground having been thereby left vacant, it has been parcelled out to different tenants, on building leases, at the annual rents and fines which will be found specified in the Appendix. (*See* Schedule B. Nos. 5, 6, and 7.)

These rents and fines, together with the annuity of 16*l.* above-mentioned, are blended with the general funds of the parish, from which the repairs of the almshouse are provided for; but no allowance is afforded to the almspeople. From the circumstances of obscurity in which the original foundation is involved, we are without the necessary information to enable us to form an opinion upon the propriety of the course which has thus been followed.

THE ALMSHOUSE AT TEMPLE GATE.

The origin of this almshouse is involved in still greater obscurity than the last. It is supposed to be the same of which mention is made in Leland's Itinerary and Tanner's Notitia, by the name of "Roger Magdalen's of Nonney, which was founder of it."

Its later history has been already in a great measure exhausted in the foregoing account of the Redcliff-hill almshouse. We have only to add, that it appears to have been rebuilt by the vestry in the year 1675, at an expense of 113*l.*; that it consists of eleven rooms occupied by the same number of parish paupers, who are appointed by the vestry; and, in addition to the relief afforded them by the corporation of the poor, receive some benefit from the general charities of the parish. They also enjoy an annuity of 6*s.* 8*d.* from

THE REVEREND —— POWELL'S BENEFACTION.

The particulars of which, as far as we were able to ascertain them, were given in our Report of Charities under the management of the corporation of Bristol. (*See* Report, No. 6.)*

FRY'S MERCY HOUSE.

By indenture, dated 15th August, 1779, between William Fry, of the first part; Daniel Simpson Haines, clerk, and William White, of the second part; and the Reverend Richard Hart, and eleven others, (William Hopkins being one,) of the third part; after reciting that William Vigor and others, surviving feoffees of St. Mary Redcliff church lands, by their indenture, dated 25th March, 1776, demised to the said William Hopkins all that plot or parcel of ground, marked or numbered as lots six and seven of the void ground then intended to be let for building, situate on the south side of Redcliff churchyard, within the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, bounded on the front or northward part thereof by a common way leading from Redcliff-Hill to Cathay, called Colston's-Parade, and on the other parts thereof, as in the said indenture described, to hold to the said

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 98.

William Hopkins, from the day of the date thereof, for the term of forty years thence next ensuing, at the yearly rent of 1*l.* 7*s.* clear, subject to the covenants therein-mentioned, and in particular subject to a certain covenant by and on the part of the said feoffees, whereby they covenanted, that, in case the said William Hopkins, his executors, administrators, and assigns, should, at the expiration of the first fourteen years of the said term of forty years, be desirous to renew his or their estate and interest in the said premises, for the further term of forty years, to be accounted at the expiration of the first fourteen years, and should give notice in writing of such his desire to the churchwardens of St. Mary Redcliff, at least six months before the expiration of such first fourteen years, that then the said feoffees, their heirs, or assigns, should, on a surrender by the said William Hopkins, his executors, administrators, or assigns, of the said recited indenture of lease, into the hands of the said feoffees, their heirs, or assigns, and on payment to them, or to the churchwardens of the said parish of St. Mary Redcliff, of the sum of 16*l.*, for and in the name of a fine, grant to the said William Hopkins, his executors, administrators, or assigns, a new lease of the said premises for the further term of forty years, to be accounted from the expiration of the first fourteen years of the said term, thereby granted, under the like rent and covenants, *mutatis mutandis*, as were in the said recited indenture of lease contained; and that as often for ever as the said William Hopkins, his executors, administrators, or assigns, should be minded or desirous of renewing his or their estate, term, and interest of and in the said premises thereby granted; and further reciting, that by indenture, dated 1st August, 1777, the said William Hopkins assigned to the said William Fry all that the said plot or parcel of ground and premises comprised in the said demise; and that the said William Fry had lately erected, upon the said piece or parcel of ground, a certain messuage or tenement as or for an hospital or almshouse, and the said William Fry, was desirous of settling and assuring the same for the charitable purposes thereinafter-mentioned: it was witnessed that in order to effectuate the intention of the said William Fry, he, the said William Fry, did thereby bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over to the said Richard Hart and others, the parties of the third part, all that the said piece or parcel of ground, and all and singular other the premises comprised in the said above-recited indentures; and also all that the said messuage or tenement so lately built thereon by the said William Fry, together with all rooms, chambers, ways, passages, &c. and appurtenances to the said premises belonging, to hold for all the estate and interest of the said William Fry therein; and further reciting that, by an indenture of bargain and sale, enrolled in the court of Chancery, dated 25th March, then last past, made between Mary Durbin and others, of the first part; Henry Durbin, of the second part; and the said William Fry, Daniel Simpson Haines, and William White, of the third part; the several yearly fee-farm rents, rents-charge, or sums of money thereinafter particularly enumerated, amounting together to the yearly sum of 50*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, were granted to the said Daniel Simpson Haines, and William White, their heirs and assigns, for ever, upon trust, to convey and assure the same to the use of such person and persons for such estate and estates, &c. as he, the said William Fry, should at any time thereafter, by any deed, &c. grant; it was witnessed that, in pursuance of the power and authority reserved to the said William Fry, and in exercise thereof, they, the said Daniel Simpson Haines and William White thereby granted, bargained, and sold, and the said William Fry thereby granted, bargained, sold, and confirmed, unto the said Richard Hart and others, the

parties of the third part, all those several yearly fee-farm rents, rent-charges, or sums of money, in the said indenture particularly enumerated and described, to the only proper use and behoof of the grantees, their heirs and assigns, for ever, upon the trusts nevertheless after mentioned; and it was thereby agreed and declared, that the said rents and premises were so granted, bargained, sold, and assigned as aforesaid, in trust, and for charitable intent and purpose of founding and establishing the said messuage or tenement as an hospital or almshouse, by the name of the Mercy House, and permitting the same to be at all times thereafter used for the reception and habitation of eight poor women, in eight rooms, already provided for that purpose, and numbered respectively 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8; and also upon trust that they, the said grantees, and the governors, trustees, or visitors of the said charity, should, out of the several yearly rents or sums of money thereby granted, or out of the increase or savings thereof, not only perform the covenants in the said recited original indenture of lease contained, but also renew the lease from time to time, as occasion should require, and for that purpose should make such surrenders, and do all such other acts, as should be requisite on that behalf, and by all or any the ways or means aforesaid should raise so much money as should be sufficient for paying the fines, and other necessary charges, for renewing the lease of the said spital or almshouse, and other the said leasehold premises, and for keeping the same in suitable or proper repair; and also should, out of the residue of the said fee-farm rents, &c. provide for the maintenance or support of the poor women from time to time, the objects of the said charity, in manner thereinafter expressed; and it was thereby agreed and declared, that from and after the death of the said William Fry, the said Richard Hart and others, the parties of the third part, and the survivors and survivor of them, should be the governors or trustees and visitors of the said hospital or almshouse, and the poor women to be placed therein; and that for the purpose of facilitating the due execution of the trusts reposed in them, they, or so many as conveniently could, should, twice in every year, viz. 25th March and 29th September, unless a Sunday, in which case the day following, meet in the committee room of the said hospital or almshouse, in order to visit the same, and consider of the affairs and good government thereof; and at all such meetings, and not otherwise, proceed to the filling up of any vacancy or vacancies which may have happened in the said hospital, by the death or removal of any of the poor women therein; and that there should be allowed to each of the poor women, residing in the rooms marked from one to seven inclusive, an allowance of 2*s*. 6*d*. weekly towards their support or maintenance. And with respect to the allowance to be made for such of the said women, who for the time being should reside in the said room marked 8, the same, together with such allowance or allowances as might happen to fall in by the death or removal of any of the said poor persons, between the time of such events happening and the filling up of the vacancy or vacancies occasioned thereby respectively, should be retained by the governors, trustees, or visitors of the said charity, for the time being, for the purpose of raising a fund for defraying the necessary charges or expenses attending the renewal of the lease of the said hospital or almshouse, and the repairs thereof, and the rent payable for the same, and other incidental charges or expenses. No business to be proceeded in at a general meeting, unless three of the governors, trustees, or visitors, should be present thereat, the majority of whose votes should be binding upon all, whether present or not. The sum of 5*s*. only to be expended in cake and wine for the refreshment of the persons composing

such meeting; the senior of the trustees, governors, or visitors to preside, and be called the president. Provided that the room marked 8 should always be inhabited by the junior or last elected of the said almswomen for the time being, until a vacancy should happen in one or more of the said other rooms, by the death or removal of any of the said other almswomen, in which case such arrangements should be made by the governors, trustees, or visitors of the said charity, with respect to the filling up of such vacant room or rooms, regard being had to the priority of appointment of the remaining almswomen, so as that the almswomen so inhabiting the said room, No. 8, might in due time be placed in the room before inhabited by the next almswoman before her in point of such priority of appointment as aforesaid, and that from the time of her being placed therein, and not before, she should be entitled to a like allowance with the rest of the said almswomen towards her support and maintenance as aforesaid: Provided also, that no alteration should be made in the present building or almshouse, either with respect to altering the fashion or form thereof, or otherwise, without the unanimous consent of all the governors, trustees, or visitors: Provided also, that all such parts of the said rents as were appropriated as a fund for answering the renewal of the leases or other charges should, (subject to the several payments to be thereout made), when the same should amount to a competent sum, be placed out in some of the public funds, or in government or real security, at interest, for the purpose of augmenting such fund; and that if such fund, and the interest thereof, should at any time prove insufficient for the purposes to which the same were so applicable as aforesaid, it should be lawful for the president of the said charity to make such equal deduction out of the weekly allowance of the said seven almswomen as would make such deficiency; and in case the said fund should at any time be more than sufficient for answering the several purposes aforesaid (regard being had to any future casual events), it should be lawful for the governors, trustees, and visitors of the said charity to cause such addition to be made to the said weekly allowance of the said seven almswomen, or such weekly or other allowance to the eighth or last admitted almswoman, as they should think reasonable. There then followed a clause for renewing the trust when the trustees should be reduced to three; and it was provided that the governors, trustees, and visitors of the trust-estates and the almswomen should be subject to the rules, orders, and directions contained in the schedule to the said indenture, and such others as the said William Fry, by writing under his hand or by his last will, should appoint.

By the rules contained in the Schedule (and still remaining in force), it was provided among other things, as follows, viz:—

That the almswomen to be elected by the governors, trustees, or visitors, in pursuance of the indenture, should not be under the age of fifty years at the time of their election.

That they should be persons who had lived or been well bred, and who should be known to be of good moral and religious characters, and of the communion of the church of England as by law established, and who, at the time of their application, should not receive any maintenance or support from any parish, and who, after their election, should not receive any parish gift.

That they should always be single persons; to wit, widows, or such as had not been married, and that they should continue unmarried during their abode in the said hospital under the penalty of expulsion therefrom. And the founder heartily recommended it to the care of the governors, trustees, and visitors, that they would choose none that should be known to be vicious persons or drunkards, or of turbulent spirits; and that in their

choice and election they would always give the preference to persons who should reside in the parish of St. Mary Redcliff, if such should be found duly qualified.

That the almswomen should regularly attend at prayers at the times and places in the said Schedule mentioned, on pain of forfeiting 6*d.* for every neglect or default.

That the senior sister should, among other things, keep a book, wherein should be entered by her a true account of all offences and breaches of the rules by any of the almswomen.

And that she should also from time to time, weekly, call upon the president of the said governors, and receive from him the weekly allowances for herself and the other almswomen, and should take due care to pay and divide the same unto and amongst them; and she should also at those times deliver unto the said president the said book, in order that the same might then be inspected and perused by him; and for her care and trouble in inspecting the house, keeping the book, receiving and paying the said weekly allowances, and for doing the other matters and things required to be done and performed by her, she should, at every half-yearly visitation of the said governors, trustees, and visitors be entitled to receive from the president the sum of 10*s.* 6*d.* over and above her ordinary weekly allowance, and no more.

That as often as there should be a vacancy in the said hospital, by the death or removal of either of the almswomen, such vacancy should not be supplied or filled up by the governors, trustees, or visitors till their second general meeting or visitation next after such vacancy should have happened; and that the weekly allowance appointed to such of the almswomen, who should die or be removed (until a successor should be appointed), should be retained in the hands of the said governors, together with the forfeits for defaults, as before mentioned, for the purpose of raising a fund for defraying the necessary charges or expenses attending the renewal of the lease of the said hospital or almshouse, the rent payable for the ground whereon the said hospital or almshouse was erected, and the necessary repairs thereof, and towards answering and satisfying all other contingent charges and expenses which might thereafter attend the same.

The particulars of the rents which were granted by the foregoing indenture will be found in the appendix (Schedule A.), together with the names of the present proprietors of the premises, out of which those rents respectively issue. Upon a subsequent subdivision of one of the parcels (which was subject to the rent of twelve shillings) among five several proprietors, it was agreed that each should pay two shillings and five pence as his portion of the entire rent, in consequence of which a trifling addition of one penny has accrued to the original amount—

	£	s.	d
So that the whole sum at present received in respect of these rents is	50	7	7
A further sum of 3*l.* is annually received for the dividends of 100*l.* three per cent. consols, purchased from savings of income in the year 1790	3	0	
Making a total annual income of	53	7	7
Which is however subject to the following charges:—			
Reserved rent on the lease of the hospital premises £1 7 0			
Collecting the rents, five per cent. 2 10 0			
	3	17	0
Leaving a net income of ..... £	49	10	7

This income is applied to the following payments, viz. :—

Pensions to seven almswomen, at 2*s.* 6*d.* each per week	45	10	0
Additional to the matron £1 1 0			
to ditto for coals 0 1 0	1	2	0
Tea for the trustees at each half-yearly meeting, 4*s.* in lieu of wine allowed by the founder	0	8	0
Haling ashes, and sweeping the chimneys	0	12	0
Repairs for the last ten years 37*l.* 16*s.* being an average of	3	15	7
Total expenditure	51	7	7
Exceeding the income by the sum of ..... £	1	17	0

This excess, however, which has arisen from the increased expense of repairs during the last ten years, has been hitherto provided for, in the first instance, by means of a former balance in the hands of the treasurer, and subsequently by the aid of the following legacy.

HENRY KING'S BENEFACTION.

Henry King, by will dated the 3d July, 1811, bequeathed to Mr. Joseph Poole, in trust for the use of the late Mr. Fry's charity on Redcliff-hill, called the House of Mercy, 100*l.*

This legacy was received in the year 1814, by Henry Davis, Esquire, the president of this charity, who, after paying 40*l.* to the treasurer, retained the residue in his own hands at interest. He has since made the following additional payments to the treasurer on account of principal and interest, viz. :—

In 1819, for principal	£20	For interest on 60*l.* five years	£	15	0 0
— 1821, for ditto	20				
	£40				
Remaining due for principal ..	20	And interest since accrued about ..		4	0 0
	£60				

From the payments which were thus made to the treasurer, besides supplying the deficiency of the ordinary income, as above stated, and defraying the expense of renewing the lease of the hospital, in 1819 (viz. for the fine, 20*l.* law expenses 8*l.* 8*s.*), an additional allowance has been made to the almswomen of 6*d.* to each of the seven, and 2*s.* 6*d.* to the eighth every week, making 15*l.* 12*s.* per annum; and on the 21st September, 1821, there remained in the hands of the treasurer a balance of 19*l.* 3*s.* 10½*d.*

It may be proper to mention, that this additional allowance to the almswomen was in continuation of a similar allowance, which they had previously enjoyed since the year 1807, from the voluntary contribution of the trustees, which contribution appears to have immediately succeeded the expiration of the following charity.

WILLIAM DYER'S BENEFACTION.

William Dyer, by will, dated the 20th April, 1797, (and proved in November, 1801,) gave to the treasurer of the almshouse, called the House of Mercy, situate at Colston's Parade, in the city of Bristol, the weekly sum of 8*s.* during the term of five years ensuing his decease, to be by the treasurer distributed every Monday morning among the dependants on such charity.

This charity appears to have been duly dispensed to the almswomen, agreeably to the directions of the will.

We have stated that the sum of 20*l.* was paid for a fine, upon renewing the lease of the hospital premises in 1819. We have now to add, that this became necessary, in consequence of the refusal of the lessors to grant a renewal at a less price, having been advised that their covenant in the original lease to renew, on payment of a fine of 16*l.*, did not extend, in law, beyond the first renewal.

It remains to be observed, that in the appointment of the poor almswomen, and in the general conduct of the affairs of this institution, the rules and directions contained in the schedule to the foundation deed, appear to have been diligently attended to by the trustees.

MISCELLANEOUS CHARITIES.

CHARITIES OF ROBERT ROGERS AND SIR RICHARD ROGERS.

Sir Richard Rogers, Knight, by his will dated 26th July, 1635, after reciting that his father, Robert Rogers, had ordered by his will, of which the said Sir Richard was executor, that there should be bestowed 150*l.* in lands of inheritance, the profits whereof should be received by the churchwardens of the parishes of Redcliff, St. Thomas, and Temple, within the city of Bristol, for the time being, yearly for ever, by equal third parts, and be by them employed in bread, and distributed to and amongst the poorest inhabitants of the said several parishes respectively, on every Sabbath day throughout the whole year, by an equal distribution; and further reciting, that the said 150*l.* was not yet bestowed and settled, for want of finding a convenient portion of land for the fitting thereof, did in performance and satisfaction of the said will of his father in that point, and for a further addition by himself, give and devise to the feoffees of the messuages, lands, and tenements, reputed to be belonging to St. Thomas's church, and their heirs and assigns, for ever, one annuity or yearly rent of 7*l.*; and to the feoffees of the messuages, lands, and tenements reputed to be belonging to Redcliff church, their heirs and assigns for ever, one annuity or yearly rent of 4*l.*; and to the feoffees of the messuages, lands, and tenements, reputed to be belonging to the parish church of Temple, in Bristol, their heirs and assigns, for ever, one annuity or yearly rent of 4*l.*; all which said annuities he willed should be issuing out of that messuage or tenement, in the parish of St. Thomas aforesaid, in or near the corner of Redcliff-street, then in the holding of —— Stirridge, glover, to

be paid at the four most usual feasts in the year, by even portions, viz. at Michaelmas, Christmas, Lady-day, and the feast of St. John the Baptist; upon trust, that the said feoffees of the said parishes respectively, their heirs or assigns, or the churchwardens of the said parishes respectively, should from time to time, for ever, employ and bestow the several annuities in bread, and distribute the same to and amongst the poorest inhabitants of the said several parishes respectively, on every Sabbath day, throughout the whole year, by an equal distribution, according to the form expressed in his father's said will; also he devised to the feoffees of St. Thomas church lands, and to their heirs and assigns, for ever, one other annuity or yearly rent of 20*s*., to be issuing out of the said messuage and premises before mentioned, and to be payable at the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, yearly, for ever, upon trust, that they should therewith cause a learned sermon to be preached, yearly, in the said parish church of St. Thomas, on such a convenient day as the vestrymen of the said parish should appoint.

We find, from the early accounts of the several parishes, that these annuities continued for many years to be regularly paid; but it appears, from the recitals of a bond, dated the 10th December, 1711, whereby John Poole became bound to the churchwardens of the said several parishes in the penal sum of 100*l*. that the annuities had been for several years then past in arrear and unpaid, "occasioned partly by the fall of the accustomed rent of the house, insomuch that the rent made thereof had been insufficient to discharge the said annuities, and partly for that the said house, being very old and ruinous, had many years lain unoccupied." It is further recited, that John Jordan, an infant, was then seised of the said house, who, in consideration of five guineas, which the said churchwardens had paid for his use to the said John Poole, had promised to execute a conveyance of the said house to the feoffees of the said respective parishes, within six months next after he should have attained his age of twenty-one years, and the condition of the bond was for the due performance of that promise.

This agreement appears to have been subsequently carried into effect, and we find that the old house was taken down, and two new ones built on part of the site, at an expense of 130*l*. The remainder of the site, consisting of seven feet in depth, was sold to the corporation of the city of Bristol, for the purpose of enlarging the street. It produced the sum of 100*l*. which was probably applied towards the discharge of the 130*l*. above-mentioned.

Upon the purchase of the premises from Mr. Jordan, it was arranged between the several parishes, that the future rents should be divided between them, in the proportion of their respective annuities: viz. one half to St. Thomas's parish, one quarter to Redcliff parish, and the other quarter to Temple parish; and this arrangement appears to have been duly acted upon until the year 1762, when the houses were sold, under the powers of an Act, passed in the 33d year of the reign of King George II., intituled, "An Act for rebuilding a Bridge on the River Avon." On this occasion the sum of 96*l*. 10*s*. appears to have been paid to each of the parishes of Redcliff and Temple, for their respective interests in the houses. At the same time the sum of 214*l*. was paid to the parish of St. Thomas; but as that sum appears to have also included a compensation for the interest of the last-mentioned parish in another small tenement (as we shall show more fully in treating of the charities of that parish,) it affords no ground for supposing that a fair division of the produce of the two above-mentioned houses had not taken place among the three parishes.

The sum of 96*l.* 10*s.*, which was thus received by the parish of Redcliff, was carried to the churchwarden's account, and applied in common with their other funds to the general purposes of the parish. The annual sum of 3*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* (being at the rate of four per cent. interest) has been since allowed out of the parish funds for the use of the charity. This allowance forms part of a fund for the supply of weekly bread to the poor, the particulars of which will be hereafter given.

CHARITY OF GEORGE GIBBES.

By indenture, made the 19th of February, in the 10th year of King Charles the First, reciting that George Gibbes had, on the 1st of November, in the said 10th year, demised to Henry Lloyd, a certain close of meadow or pasture land, situate in the parish of Bedminster, in the county of Somerset, to be holden by the said Henry Lloyd, from and after a term to come, mentioned in the said demise, for and during the term of 1,000 years; whereupon the yearly rent of 3*l.* was reserved during so many years of the said term, as the said George Gibbes should happen to live; and after the decease of the said George Gibbes, and after the commencement of the said term was reserved 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; the said George Gibbes, as well to the intent and purpose that the poor people dwelling within the parish of Redcliff, within the city and county of the city of Bristol, might be thereafter the better relieved and sustained, and that the parishioners of the said parish, who paid weekly to the poor there, might be the better eased, granted to Thomas Chambers and others, their heirs and assigns, all the said close of meadow or pasture land, the appurtenances, and all rents, &c. to hold to them, their heirs, and assigns, for ever, upon the following trusts; that is to say, to the use of the said George Gibbes, and his assigns, for his life, and after his death, to the intent and purpose that they, the said trustees, their heirs and assigns, should, from time to time thereafter, for ever, let, demise, grant, and set the said close of meadow or pasture ground for the most benefit, rent, and profit, they might; and the rent and profit thereafter to be made and received should give, dispose, and lay out in manner following; that is to say, 52*s.* part of the yearly rent and benefit of the said meadow or pasture ground, to and amongst such poor people of the parish of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of Redcliff aforesaid, as should have need, and should require alms out of the said parish, and such as the churchwardens of the said parish church and the vestrymen thereof should allow and appoint to have and receive the same; the fifty and two shillings to be laid out and bestowed in bread, of two-pence the loaf, by twelve-pence every week in the year, to be brought into the church every Lord's day, there to be given and distributed to and amongst the said poor people, for the ease and benefit of such of the said parish as should be cessed to pay to the poor of the same parish; and the rest and residue of the rent and benefit of the said premises to be given and paid, yearly, to and amongst the persons thereafter named and mentioned; that is to say, to the minister or vicar of the said parish church, if he be a preacher, for preaching a sermon every year, upon the Lord's day before Easter day, commonly called Palm Sunday, for the better instruction and preparation of the people for the receiving the sacrament of the Lord's Supper; and

if the said minister or vicar should not be a preacher, then to such minister and preacher as should preach a sermon in the said church, yearly, on the said Lord's day; and also to the clerk and sexton, for their pains in attending and ringing; that is to say, to the clerk 8*d.*, to the sexton 8*d.*, and the residue to that minister or preacher who should preach the said sermon, yearly; in default of performance of these duties, the land to revert to the donor, his heirs and assigns, for ever.

The close which was thus granted has been since built upon, and now forms the site of Somerset-square.

The remainder of the term of 1000 years is at present vested in the executors of Peath Sheares, deceased. The rent of 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* is duly paid, of which the sum of 2*l.* 12*s.* is appropriated to the fund for the supply of weekly bread; 13*s.* 4*d.* is paid to the minister for a sermon, which he preaches on Palm Sunday; and 1*s.* 4*d.* to the clerk and sexton for their services on the same day.

CHARITIES OF WILLIAM PITT AND MARY STILES.

By indenture, dated 19th January, in the 22d year of Charles the First, Henry Lloyd, in consideration of the sum of 35*l.* to him paid by James Wathan and others, parishioners of the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, with the full assent of the vestrymen of the said parish, 25*l.* thereof being the gift of William Pitt, merchant, deceased, and the other 10*l.* being the gift of Mary Stiles, widow, deceased, by their respective last wills and testaments, given and devised for the use and benefit of the poor of the said parish of Redcliff, gave, granted, and confirmed to the said James Wathan and the others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, one annuity or yearly rent or sum of 52*s.* of lawful money of England, to be issuing out of all that messuage or tenement, and all shops, cellars, &c., with the appurtenances to the said messuage or tenement belonging, situate in Temple-street, in the parish of Temple, in the city of Bristol, payable the 2d of February, 1st of May, 1st of August, and 1st of November, in each and every year, by even and equal portions; and should the payments be in arrear for the space of twenty days, 10*s.* more (*nomine pœnæ*,) with covenant on thepart of the grant or to keep the premises in repair. And it was concluded and agreed by the parties to that indenture, and declared to be their true intent and meaning, that the said annuity, or yearly sum of 52*s.* per annum, should be bestowed from thenceforth for ever, by twelve-pence per week, in bread, and distributed to and amongst the poor people of the said parish of Redcliff, at the discretion of the vestrymen of the same parish for the time being, on every Lord's day, weekly for ever, as the several gifts of the said William Pitt and Mary Stiles.

These gifts are also recorded on benefaction tables in the church, viz., that of William Pitt, as having been made in 1639, and that of Mary Stiles in 1642. The latter is further attested by the will, which we found registered in the Episcopal court of Bristol, (*see* charities of St. Thomas's parish,) and the former by the recitals of a deed found among the papers of Temple parish, (*see* Temple parish.)

The premises, charged with this annuity, are at present the property of Messrs. Timothy Powell and Co. The payment appears to have been duly made, without any deduction, down to the year 1755, when for the first time a deduction of five shillings was claimed for taxes, and since then the reduced sum of 2*l.* 7*s.* only has been paid in respect of the charge. The taxes alluded to are not particularly mentioned; but it is probable that the land-tax was intended.

This sum of 2*l.* 7*s.* also forms a part of the weekly bread fund.

CHARITIES OF BLANCH YEAMANS, CHARITY WHITE, ANN EDSON, AND ROBERT EDSON.

Blanch Yeamans by will, dated the 30th April, 1647, gave 20*l.* in money to remain as a stock for ever for the poor people of the parish of Redcliff, which she willed should, within two months next after her decease, be paid to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the same parish for the time being; and her will was that the same should be employed for benefit for the good of the poor of the said parish for ever; and that the benefit thereof yearly made should be disposed to and amongst the poor of the same parish in bread, or otherwise, at the discretion of the churchwardens, overseers of the poor, and vestrymen of the said parish for the time being.

It is recorded on the benefaction tables, that Mrs. Charity White, in 1648, gave twenty marks, the interest to be paid yearly to the poor for ever; and that

Mrs. Ann Edson, in 1649, gave 20*l.*, the profit thereof for ever.

Robert Edson by will, dated 15th March, 1650, bequeathed to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Redcliff, the full sum of 20*l.*, to be by them and the rest of the vestry of the same parish bestowed on some yearly maintenance, at any time after his decease, for the use of the poor of the said parish, weekly for ever, in bread; and his will and meaning was, that then, and not before, his executrix should pay it in current money of England.

By indenture, dated the 20th December, 1653, John Gamlen, in consideration of the sum of 100*l.* conveyed to Alexander James and others, parishioners of Saint Mary Redcliff, their heirs and assigns, for ever, "all that one messuage or tenement theretofore erected by one Thomas Thydoll, and two acres, by estimation, of meadow ground, whereupon the said messuage was erected, situate near the river Avon, in the parish of Saint Philip, in the county of Gloucester," free from all incumbrances, except two several leases, whereon the respective rents of 7*l.* 5*s.* and 5*s.* were reserved.

It appears, from contemporaneous entries in the parish books, that the several benefactions above enumerated, amounting together to the sum of 73*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, formed part of the sum of 100*l.* which is stated in the foregoing deed to have been the consideration money of the purchase, and that the residue, amounting to 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, was supplied from the general funds of the parish. But in a trust deed of the 26th February, 1668, (15 years after the date of the purchase,) and in the subsequent deeds, by which these premises, in common with others, have been passed to successive trustees, it is uniformly

stated that the purchase was made "for the benefit and good of the poor, with moneys given for that purpose by several benefactors," without alluding to any contribution advanced from the general funds of the parish. [*See* deed of 1668, Church and Pipe Lands. *See* also Appendix, Schedule A. (a.)]

In the year immediately succeeding this purchase, (viz. 1654,) we find a credit given in the vestry accounts for the sum of 7*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, for one year's rent of the premises, being 6*d.* short of the full amount of the rents reserved on the leases mentioned in the deed of conveyance. In the year 1655, no rent at all is credited. In 1656, the sum of 7*l.* appears credited in the following terms; viz. "For the rent of the tenements bought of John Gamlen, situate at Saint Philip's, out of which 19*d.* per week is paid to the poor in bread of the gifts of Mr. Edson and his wife, Mrs. Blanch Yeamans, and Mrs. Charity White 7*l.*"

This allowance of 19*d.* per week amounts to the annual sum of 4*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*, which sum we find added in 1656 to the amount of the money which had been charged in the preceding year for bread distributed among the poor. The like credit of 7*l.* for the rent, and the like addition of 4*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*, to the annual charge for bread, are observable from this period for many years, until, by the further addition of subsequent bread gifts, it becomes difficult to distinguish the specific sum of 4*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*, as forming a part of the general charge. In the year 1766, (as appears from the vestry books,) the bread account was brought under revision, and an analytical statement being then made of the several items composing the general charge, we find the annual sum of 7*l.* attributed to the charities of Blanch Yeamans, Ann Edson, Robert Edson, and Charity White; which sum appears to have continued from that time to form, as it at present does, a part of the weekly bread fund.

It does not appear by what principle the original allowance of 19*d.* per week, or 4*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* per annum was regulated. It is less than the interest of six per cent, which we find from the vestry accounts had been previously paid for these charities, and which, as it amounts to the sum of 4*l.* 8*s.* per annum, would have afforded a weekly allowance of 1*s.* 8¼*d.* But it is possible that the difference may have arisen from miscalculation; and that the weekly disbursement, supplied by the vestry out of the rents of the estate, was in fact intended as an allowance of interest on the charitable funds which had contributed to the purchase. Should such, however, have been their intention, we cannot but observe that it would have been a more equitable course to have apportioned the rents of the estate in the ratio of the respective contributions; which, being in the exact proportion of 11 to 4, would have entitled the charity to the annual sum of 5*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* so long as 7*l.* only was received for the rent, and to a proportional part of the increased rents, and the fines for renewal, which subsequently accrued.

It is, however, also possible that the weekly allowance above-mentioned was not advanced by the vestry in the nature of interest on the charitable funds, which they had appropriated to the purchase; but as a portion of the rents actually received, restricted in its amount, in order that there might remain an annual surplus for the gradual repayment of the money which had been advanced from the parish funds; thus treating the purchase as having been made solely for the benefit of the charity, and the sum so advanced as a loan to be repaid by the charity; and this view of the subject is certainly favoured by the language of the trust deeds before alluded to, which describe the premises as having been

purchased for the benefit of the poor only; by the analytical statement above-mentioned, which gives credit to the charity for the whole rent of 7*l.*; and by another statement, which we found drawn up in the vestry books under the date of 1776, purporting to be a list of "donations deposited with the vestry of Saint Mary Redcliff parish, the interest to be applied for the poor in bread, &c. for ever;" in which list there is a blank left for "Renewals of the estate bought of Gamlen." These circumstances, we conceive, afford strong grounds for concluding that the estate was originally purchased for the sole use of the charity; although, in point of fact, some part of the purchase money was advanced from the parish funds, and although, in the application of the profits, we find that the fines for renewal have been always hitherto applied to the general purposes of the parish.

The particulars of the premises, as described in the trust deed of May 15th, 1754, will be found in the Appendix, [Schedule A. (a.)] their present state also will be there seen, with the names of the respective lessees and occupiers, the terms of their leases, annual rents, and other particulars, [Schedule B. 98, 99, 100.]

The following is a statement of the fines which have been received by the vestry upon the several successive renewals that have hitherto taken place, viz.

For the parcels respectively marked in the Schedule	98						99			100		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1661	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0
1676	1	1	6	0	0	0	2	10	0	5	0	0
1679	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	10	0	—		
1680	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
1686	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
1691	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0
1704	9	0	0	—			—			—		
1716	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	0	0	—		
——	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	—		
1718	15	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	35	0	0
1728	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0
1752	0	0	0	180	0	0	—			—		
1754	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	0	0
1763	0	0	0	150	0	0	—			—		
1765	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0
1768	0	0	0	50	0	0	—			—		
1772	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0
1778	0	0	0	400	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	0
1784	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	0
1790	0	0	0	314	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	0
1792	0	0	0	314	0	0	—			—		
1794	64	0	0	0	0	0	296	0	0	86	0	0
										971	0	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1819	0	0	0	0	0	0	700	0	0			
							1,163	0	0	1,163	0	0
1820	260	0	0									
				1,408	0	0				1,408	0	0
	349	1	6							349	1	6

Total amount £3,891 1 6

which amount would be more than doubled, if interest were added to it, even at the reduced rate of 4 per cent.

The trust deeds to which we have already alluded, after stating that the rents, issues, and profits of these premises had been employed for the good of the poor, successively declare the new trusts to be, to employ the rents, issues, and profits, in future, to the same uses as the same had been theretofore employed. As the fines received for these premises have not been employed agreeably to these trusts, it will be incumbent, we apprehend, upon the trustees to provide the means of repaying to the charity the sums which have thus been improperly withheld from it.

In letting these premises on leases for lives, with fines for renewals, the vestry have only conformed to the system which appears to be most prevalent in Bristol. We shall advert to it more particularly at the close of our account of the church and pipe lands.

The annual value of the premises, (which has been of late years considerably enhanced by the improvements on the river Avon, to which they are contiguous) is at present estimated as follows, viz.—

	£	s.	d.
No. 98, at	130	0	0
99, at	350	0	0
100, at	100	0	0
Total	£580	0	0

JOHN HAYTER'S CHARITY.

By indenture, dated 30th May, 1656, reciting, that John Hayter, deceased, by his last will gave and devised 26*s.* yearly for ever, for bread for the poor of the parish of Redcliff; John Hayter, son and heir, and also executor of the will of the said John Hayter, deceased, for the better accomplishment of his said father's gift, granted and confirmed to James Wathan, and others, their heirs and assigns for ever, one annuity or yearly sum of 26*s.*, to be issuing out of a certain messuage or tenement, situate in Redcliff-street, payable at the four usual feasts in the year, viz. Saint John the Baptist, Saint Michael the Archangel, Christmas, and Lady-day, with a penalty of 5*s.* for default for

fifteen days ; and it was by the said indenture agreed by the parties thereto, that the said grantees, their heirs, and assigns, should for ever distribute the said annuity of 26*s.*, by 6*d.* every Sunday in bread, as the gift of the said John Hayter, deceased, to and amongst the poor of the said parish of Redcliff.

The premises, subject to this charge, constitute at present the Ship public-house, and are the property of Mr. John Skidmore Bevan. The annuity is duly paid, and forms a part of the weekly bread fund.

FRANCIS GLEED'S CHARITY.

Francis Gleed, by his will, dated 29th May, 1661, reciting that he had, by deed indented, granted to certain persons, inhabitants in the parish of Christ-church, within the city of Bristol, and to their heirs and assigns for ever, one annuity of 28*l.*, to be issuing out of his messuage and tenement, with the appurtenances, situate in the High-street, in the parish of All Saints, in the said city, to such uses as he should declare by his last will, ordered, appointed, and declared, to and for every one of these thirteen parishes, being within the said city, or the suburbs, viz. St. Augustine, St. Michael, St. Philip and Jacob, within Lawford's-gate, St. James, Temple, Redcliff, St. Thomas, Christ-church, St. Mary-Port, St. Peter, St. Stephen, St. John, and St. Leonard, 40*s.* yearly, to be paid quarterly to some one poor householder or widow of the same parishes respectively, not receiving weekly alms, by 10*s.* to each, as by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the respective parishes, or the major number of them, should be nominated or appointed by writing under their hands ; and his will and meaning was, that no person should have the benefit of his gift above once in each year ; and for the better carrying on the same, his will was that his said feoffees should from time to time appoint some meet person to receive the said yearly sum of 28*l.*, and to pay over the said several ten shillings, and should keep a fair and true book of such receipts and disbursements ; and he desired, that at the time yearly, when the Churchwardens of Christ-church were to give up their account to the vestry of the said parish, the yearly account of the receipt and payment of the said yearly gift and sum of 28*l.* might be examined, and on good approbation allowed ; for the pains of which person, who should so keep the said account, he appointed 20*s.* yearly for his salary, and the other 20*s.* residue of the said yearly fund of 28*l.*, he appointed a learned sermon to be preached on St. Matthew's day, yearly, in the said parish church of Christ-church.

The premises, subject to this annuity of 28*l.*, consist, at present, of a shop and dwelling-house, and are the property of Mr. Henry Toye, by whom the payment is duly made.

It appears, that the whole annuity has been usually received by the person exercising the office of vestry clerk of Christ-church ; and we find that the full sum of 2*l.* used formerly to be duly paid to the several parishes enumerated by the testator. But for several years past the sum of 1*l.* 18*s.* only has been paid to each parish. This reduction appears,

from the books of St. Thomas's parish, to have commenced in the year 1745, when a Mr. Skinner was the person receiving the annuity and making the payments; and it is supposed to have originated in the voluntary agreement of the several parishes to allow him 2*s*. each, (being at the rate of 5 per cent.) by way of commission for his trouble in receiving and paying. We do not, however, conceive such an agreement to be warranted by the trust of the will, the rather as the testator appears to have provided a compensation, for the trouble of receiving and paying, in the salary of twenty shillings, which he appropriated to the accountant on whom those duties were attached.

The thirty-eight shillings, received by the parish of Redcliff, are divided among four poor housekeepers of either sex, not receiving parish relief, in shares of 10*s*. each to three, and 8*s*. to the fourth.

ANN EDSON'S CHARITY.

Ann Edson, by will, in 1662, gave and devised to the feoffees of Redcliff church lands, in Bristol, their heirs, and assigns, for ever, an annuity of 25*s*., to be issuing out of her close, called Glassmill Leaze, in the parish of Stapleton, in the county of Gloucester, to be paid on St. Thomas's-day, yearly, for ever, to the end they should dispose thereof as follows, viz. 10*s*. for a sermon, to be preached in St. Mary Redcliff church, on New Year's-day, yearly, for ever; 12*s*. more thereof, to be given in bread to the poor of the said parish of Redcliff, by the discretion of the churchwardens for the time being; and the other 3*s*. to be equally divided between the clerk and sexton, for their attendance and ringing the sermon bell.

The close charged with this annuity of 25*s*. is at present the property of John Smith, Esquire, of the Heath-house, Stapleton, by whom the payment is duly made. The sum of 12*s*. is applied to the purchase of forty-eight three-penny loaves, which are distributed among the poor of the parish on the 1st of January. Ten shillings are paid to the minister for a sermon which he preaches on that day, and the remaining 3*s*. to the clerk and sexton, for their services on that occasion.

MARY GIBBS'S CHARITY.

It is recorded on a benefaction table, that, in the year 1662, Mrs. Mary Gibbs gave 30*l*., the profit thereof to the poor for ever.

This money appears to have been, for some time, lent out on bond at six per cent. interest. We have been unable to trace at what time it was paid into the vestry; but we find that, from the year 1767, they have annually allowed, from the parish funds, the sum of 1*l*. 4*s*., as the interest of this gift.

This interest forms part of a money-fund, which is distributed among the poor of the parish at Christmas, the particulars of which will be hereafter stated.

ARTHUR FARMER'S CHARITY.

Arthur Farmer, by will, dated 1st January, 1667, gave to the several parishes of Christchurch, St. Thomas, St. Mary Redcliff, Temple, or the Holy Cross, and St. James within the city of Bristol and the suburbs thereof, 200*l.*; to wit, to every of the same parishes 40*l.* to be paid within twelve months after his decease, to the churchwardens, vestries, and overseers of the poor of the said respective parishes, to remain with them and their successors for ever, and the interest of the said several 40*l.* to be yearly distributed at or about the feast-day of All Saints in every year, to six several poor families in every of the parishes aforesaid, whereof the heads should be, or should have been, freemen of the city aforesaid, and such whom divine providence, and not their wilful wastefulness, should have subjected to poverty; such distributions to be made, by equal portions, to the said six several families, in the respective parishes, and to be so made from time to time to every such family successively, one after another, without intermission.

It appears from the parish books, that, in the year 1668, the sum of 40*l.* was received by the vestry for the legacy to Redcliff parish; and in the subsequent accounts of the parish, down to 1699, we find occasional mention made of an annual allowance of 2*l.* for interest upon this legacy. From 1699, no specific allowance appears in the accounts until the year 1766, when the several charitable funds in the hands of the vestry appear to have undergone a revision, and the sum of 1*l.* 12*s.* is specified as the annual interest payable in respect of this charity.

This annual sum has since continued to be paid down to the present day. It will be found among the particulars of the Christmas distribution.

THOMAS FARMER'S CHARITY.

Thomas Farmer, by will, in 1668, gave to the parish of Redcliff 50*s.* yearly for ever, to be given in bread or coals, as should seem best, to the vestrymen and overseers of the poor of the said parish for the time being.

It appears that, in 1670, the sum of 50*l.* was paid to the vestry in satisfaction of this legacy. The earliest period to which we have been enabled to trace any specific allowance on account of the charity is the year 1766, from which time the annual sum of 2*l.* has been paid out of the parish funds, as interest upon the legacy. This annual sum will also be found among the particulars of the Christmas distribution.

CHARITY OF RICHARD VICKRIS

Richard Vickris, by his will, (the date of which does not appear,) after reciting that he had, by deed, lately granted to certain feoffees, their heirs and assigns, for ever, one annuity or yearly sum of 10*l.* 8*s.* to be issuing out of his corner messuage or tenement, situate at the lower end of the High-street, in Bristol, next to the shambles there, to such uses, intents, and purposes, as he should declare or appoint, declared and appointed that his said feoffees, their heirs and assigns, should from time to time, for ever, pay and dispose of the same as follows; that is to say, 52*s.* part thereof to the treasurer or receiver of the Merchants' Almshouse, in the Marsh, in Bristol, to the end that he should therewith pay 12*d.* every week, for ever, towards the relief and maintenance of one poor woman, placed from time to time in the same almshouse, being one of St. Stephen's parish; 52*s.* more thereof to the churchwardens of the parish of St. James, in Bristol, for the time being, to the end that they should bestow the same in bread, and on every Lord's-day, weekly, for ever, should, in the parish church of St. James aforesaid, distribute 12*d.* in bread, of 2*d.* the loaf, to six poor persons of the said parish of St. James, such as the churchwardens and vestrymen there, or the major part, should appoint or approve; 52*s.* more thereof to be paid to the churchwardens of the parish of Redcliff, in Bristol, to the end that they should bestow the same likewise in bread, and should on every Lord's-day, for ever, distribute the same by 12*d.* in bread of 2*d.* the loaf, in the parish church of Redcliff aforesaid, to six poor persons of the same parish of Redcliff, such as the churchwardens and vestrymen there should appoint or approve; and the remaining 52*s.* after the death of Alice, his wife, to be paid, for ever, to the churchwardens of the parish of Temple, to the end that they should bestow the same in bread every Lord's-day, for ever, and distribute the same by 12*d.* in bread of 2*d.* the loaf, in the said parish church of Temple aforesaid, to six poor persons of the same parish, as the churchwardens and vestrymen there, or the major part, should appoint.

The messuage, which was made subject to this annuity of 10*l.* 8*s.* was sold in the year 1774, under the powers of the Bridge Act before alluded to, and the sum of 72*l.* 16*s.* was paid to the vestry for the interest of Redcliff parish in the premises.

In respect of the sum thus received, the vestry have not allowed more than the annual sum of 2*l.* 12*s.*, which the charity had before enjoyed under the will. This annual allowance forms a part of the weekly bread-fund.

SIR WILLIAM PENN'S CHARITY.

Sir William Penn, by his will, dated the 20th January, 1669, and proved the 6th October, 1670, gave to the poor of Redcliff parish 20*l.*, and to the poor of the parish of St. Thomas 20*l.*

It is probable that the legacy to Redcliff parish formed part of a sum of 50*l.*, which we find alluded to in the following memorandum, extracted from one of the parish books :—

"17th November, 1670, there was paid to William White, churchwarden, 50*l.*, being the gift of Sir William Penn, knight, who was buried in this parish church, as a stock for the poor of this parish, to remain, for ever, as the gift of the said Sir William Penn ; and the yearly profit and increase thereof is to be bestowed to and amongst the poor of this parish, either in clothing, bread, coals, or money, at the discretion of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor."

The annual sum of 2*l.* is allowed by the vestry as interest of this gift. This allowance appears to have been formerly distributed among the poor in money ; but for several years past it has been laid out in clothing, in conjunction with the interest arising from the charity of John Jaine, the particulars of which will be hereafter stated.

WILLIAM CURTIS'S CHARITY.

It is recorded on the benefaction table, that "William Curtis, Esquire, in 1670, gave 50*l.* the profit thereof to be distributed to the poor on Candlemas-day, yearly for ever ;" and we find credit given for the gift, as received by the hands of Mr. Curtis, the donor, in the accounts of the same year.

It appears, that the annual sum of 3*l.* was formerly allowed by the vestry for the interest of this gift, being at the rate of six per cent ; but, since the year 1766, the allowance has not excedeed 2*l.* per annum. This sum will be found to form an item in the account of the Christmas distribution.

CHARITY OF ELIZABETH CARO.

It is also stated on the benefaction table, that Mrs. Elizabeth Caro gave 5*l.* the interest to the widows of one husband, yearly, at Christmas for ever, the receipt of which gift is credited in the vestry accounts for 1673.

The annual sum of four shillings is allowed by the vestry in respect of this charity, which is paid to a poor widow at Christmas.

JOSEPH BULLOCK'S CHARITY.

The benefaction table further states that Joseph Bullock, in memory of his father William Bullock, gave, in 1675, 70*l.* the profit thereof to be disposed of as follows ; viz.

3*l.* 4*s.* to the poor, 15*s.* to the minister for a sermon on the 4th October, and 3*s.* 4*d.* to the clerk, and 1*s.* 8*d.* to the sexton yearly for ever.

This gift appears credited in the vestry accounts for 1675; and for several succeeding years we find that the several annual payments were duly made as directed by the donor, amounting together to the sum of 4*l.* 4*s.*, being at the rate of six per cent. interest. This interest was, however, afterwards reduced to four per cent., yielding the annual sum of 2*l.* 16*s.* which still continues to be paid.

From this annual allowance the sum of fifteen shillings is paid to the minister for a sermon, which he preaches on the 4th October. Three shillings and four-pence to the clerk, and one shilling and eight-pence to the sexton; and the residue, being 1*l.* 16*s.*, is laid out in the purchase of seventy-two sixpenny loaves, which are distributed on the same day among the poor of the parish.

MARY CASBEARD'S CHARITY.

This charity appears to be the same which is ascribed on the benefaction table to Mrs. Mary Carisbrooke.

By indenture, dated 22d April, 1676, between John Casbeard and Theophilus Casbeard, his son, of the one part, and Edward Tyler, baker, and John Cook, churchwardens, and Ralph Graunt and Thomas Harris, overseers of the poor of the parish of Redcliff of the other part; after reciting that Mrs. Mary Casbeard, deceased, daughter of the said John Casbeard, having always in her life-time a tender regard and pity of the poor, and especially of the poor of the said parish of St. Mary Redcliff, that then were, or thereafter should be, inhabiting within the said parish, in her late sickness a little before her death, requested her father and brother that some provision might be made for the poor for ever: it was witnessed, that the said John Casbeard and Theophilus, in pursuance of the said request, did thereby grant and confirm to the parties of the second part, and their successors, for ever, one annuity or yearly rent-charge of 40*s.* to be issuing and payable out of one piece of meadow or pasture ground called Ridings, containing, by estimation, ten acres, situate in Bishford, in the parish of Bedminster in the county of Somerset, payable on the 27th of May, and 24th of December, by equal portions, on trust, with the said annuity, to succour and relieve and pay four or more poor distressed families of the said parish, not exceeding the number of ten, who then were, or thereafter should be, inhabiting in the said parish.

The land, which was thus charged, at present forms part of a larger estate, the property of Mrs. Gummer of Bedminster.

The annuity is duly paid, and is distributed on St. Thomas's day among eight poor families of the parish, for the most part in equal shares.

CHARITY OF SARAH BIRKS.

Mrs. Sarah Birks (as appears from the benefaction table) gave, in 1678, 20*l*., the profit thereof to be distributed to the widows of one husband only, on Christmas day yearly for ever.

This gift appears from the parish accounts to have been received by the vestry in 1678. The annual sum of 16*s*., which is allowed as the interest of it, is distributed at Christmas among four poor widows.

RICHARD LUCKCOCK'S CHARITY.

It is also stated on the benefaction table that Richard Luckcock gave 50*l*. the profit thereof to the poor of the parish in bread weekly for ever.

This benefaction appears to have been received by the vestry in 1678, and there is at present allowed for it the annual sum of 2*l*., which forms a part of the weekly bread-fund.

ELIZABETH YEAMANS'S CHARITY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Yeamans is also recorded on the benefaction table to have given, in 1683, the sum of 10*l*. the profit thereof to the poor for ever.

This benefaction is probably the same which we find credited in the accounts of 1684, as received by the hands of John and George Yeamans, the income to be paid to the poor of the parish for ever.

The annual sum of 8*s*. is allowed by the vestry in respect of this charity, and forms a part of the Christmas distribution.

JEREMIAH HOLLOWAY'S CHARITY.

It also appears from the benefaction table that Jeremiah Holloway gave, in 1685, the sum of 20*l*. the profit thereof in bread to the poor of the parish for ever.

This gift is credited in the vestry accounts of the same year, and there is annually allowed for it the sum of 16*s*., which will be found in the weekly bread account.

SIR ROBERT YEAMAN'S CHARITY.

Sir Robert Yeaman (as we also collect from the benefaction table) gave, in 1686, the sum of 50*l.* the profit thereof to the poor of the parish in bread, on every Lord's day for ever.

This gift appears from the parish accounts to have been received by the vestry in 1690, and the annual sum of 2*l.*, in respect thereof, is carried to the weekly bread account.

SAMUEL HALE'S CHARITY.

Samuel Hale, by will, dated the 17th August, 1686, gave the sum of 70*l.*, to be paid in shares of 10*l.* each to the churchwardens of the several parishes of Wallburg (St. Werburgh), St. Peter, St. James, St. Philip and St. Jacob, Temple, or the Holy Cross, St. Thomas, and St. Mary Redcliff, all which several sums he willed should be, from time to time, put out at interest by the said respective churchwardens, and the interest thereof to be by them laid out in bread, and distributed weekly on every Sunday, to and amongst the poor of each respective parish for ever. He further willed that his executors, or the survivor of them, or the executors or administrators of such survivor, should, within three months next after his decease, put out at interest the sum of 230*l.*, and take security for the same in their own names, and so from time to time continue the same at interest; and such interest and profit as should arise from the same, he willed should be yearly by his said executors, or the survivor, or the executors or administrators of such survivor, laid out and expended in placing out one poor boy or girl apprentice out of each of the said parishes yearly for ever, to some handicraft or other trade, as his said executors or the survivor, or the executors or administrators of such survivor should think fit; but his will and meaning was, that his said executors, nor the survivor, nor the executors or administrators of such survivor, should be in the least chargeable with any loss which should happen by reason of any ill security, or with the interest of the said sum, when the same should lie dead for want of a security.

This will appears to have been proved at Doctors Commons on the 9th September, 1686, by Robert Hale, Thomas Whinnell, and John Cary, the executors.

The 10*l.*, bequeathed to Redcliff parish for bread, appears credited in the vestry accounts as received in the year 1687, and the annual sum of eight shillings is allowed for it in weekly bread.

With respect to the legacy for apprenticing, we do not find that this parish derived any benefit from it until the year 1701, when credit is given in the accounts for the sum of 1*l.* 10*s.*, as received "of Sir John Dudlestone, the gift of Mr. Samuel Hale, to place a poor boy apprentice." Credit is also given in each of the years 1705, 6, and 7, for the

sum of 2*l.* as received of Sir John Dudlestone, with a similar designation of the use. But since that period no mention is made of this fund in any of the accounts or other documents which have been laid before us on behalf of this parish. It is possible that, in the pursuit of our inquires among the other parishes interested in it, we may succeed in gaining some further information upon the subject.

JOHN LAWFORD'S CHARITY.

"1689.—John Lawford, Esq. gave 50*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor of this parish, in bread, on every Lord's day, for ever."—[Ben. Tab.]

This benefaction appears credited in the vestry accounts for 1689; and the annual sum of 40*s.* is allowed for it in the weekly bread account.

MARGARET STOKES'S CHARITY.

"1690.—Mrs. Margaret Stokes, widow, gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor widows of this parish, at Christmas, yearly, for ever."——[Ben. Tab.]

This benefaction is credited in the vestry accounts of the same year; and the annual sum of 8*s.*, which is allowed for it, will be found among the particulars of the Christmas distribution.

SUSANNAH COMPTON'S CHARITY.

"1691.—Mrs. Susannah Compton, widow, gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor of this parish, in bread, on Midsummer day yearly, for ever.—[Ben. Tab.]

This gift is credited in the vestry accounts of the same year; and the annual sum of 8*s.*, which is allowed for interest upon it, is laid out in the purchase of sixteen sixpenny loaves, which are distributed among the poor of the parish on Midsummer day.

WILLIAM WHITEHEAD'S CHARITY.

"1709.—William Whitehead, Esq., of this parish, gave 50*l.*, the profit thereof unto ten poor housekeepers of this parish not receiving alms, 5*s.* to each at Christmas yearly, for ever."—[Ben. Tab.]

This gift appears, from the parish accounts, to have come to the hands of the vestry in 1723; and they appear to have always allowed for it the annual sum of 50*s.*, being at the rate of five per cent. interest. This annual allowance forms a part of the fund distributed at Christmas.

ALICE WEST'S CHARITY.

Alice West, by her will, dated 12th May, 1672, gave to her kinswoman, Elizabeth Kirswell, one tenement situate in St. Thomas's-street, to be to her and her issue after her, for ever; but, for want of such issue, unto the poor of the parish in which the said tenement stood, for ever. (*See* also Temple parish.)

Elizabeth Kirswell having died without issue, the parish of Redcliff, being the parish in which the devised tenement was situate, became entitled to the property, and appears by the books to have obtained possession of it in or before the year 1710.

The following leases of the premises have since taken place, being respectively for 99 years, determinable on three lives, and at the annual rent of 20*s.*

1710.—To John Coulsting, in consideration of ...	20	0	0	fine, and 80*l.* to be laid out in new building the premises.
1722.—To ditto	12	12	0	fine.
1764.—To ditto	20	0	0	fine, and 10*l.* to be laid out in repairs.
	52	12	0	
1798.—To Thomas Cole	130	0	0	fine.
	£182	12	0	

These several fines appear to have been duly paid to the vestry; but we do not find that the charity derived any benefit from any of them until the year 1776, when the sum of 2*l.* was allowed by the vestry as interest upon 52*l.* 12*s.*, the amount of the fines received up to that period; and, in 1818, a further allowance of 5*l.* 4*s.* was, for the first time, made in respect of the fine which had been received in the year 1796. These allowances have respectively continued to the present day. They were successively added to the annual rent of 20*s.*; and the whole amount (being now 8*l.* 4*s.*) was carried to the fund distributed at Christmas.

WILLIAM JAMES'S CHARITY.

"1719.—William James, of this parish, gentleman, gave 30*l.* for the payment of 10*s.* to the minister, for a sermon in the afternoon of every fifth day of November, in the

church, against pride, atheism, popery, and profaneness; 17*s.* more to be distributed in twopenny bread to the poor of this parish, after such sermon; 1*s.* 8*d.* to the clerk, and 1*s.* 4*d.* to the sexton yearly, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

This gift of 30*l.* appears credited in the vestry accounts on the 15th March, 1719. In the appropriation of the annual produce, the donor appears to have contemplated that interest of five per cent. would be obtained; and this rate of interest appears, from a statement in the books in 1766, to have been then allowed for it by the vestry. It has, however, been subsequently reduced to four per cent., so as to yield only the annual sum of 1*l.* 4*s.*, of which the minister receives 10*s.* for a sermon, which he preaches in the afternoon of the 5th November; the clerk and sexton their respective allowances of 1*s.* 8*d.*, and 1*s.* 4*d.*, and the remaining 11*s.* are laid out in the purchase of 66 twopenny loaves, which are distributed on the same day among the poor of the parish.

ANN TILLY'S CHARITY.

"1721.—Mrs. Ann Tilly, of Keynsham, in the county of Somerset, spinster, gave 20*l.*, the profit thereof to be distributed in bread to the poor of this parish, on Christmas-eve, yearly, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

In the vestry accounts for 1721, the sum of 21*l.* is credited as the gift of Mrs. Tilly. For this sum the vestry appear to have allowed, in 1766, the annual sum of 20*s.*; but this has been subsequently reduced to 16*s.* which is laid out on the 24th December, in thirty-two sixpenny loaves, for distribution among the poor of the parish.

JOHN NEWMAN'S CHARITY.

"1724.—Mr. John Newman, plumber, gave 26*l.*, the profit in bread to the poor of this parish, on Sundays, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

This gift appears, from the accounts, to have come into the hands of the vestry on the 27th April, 1724; and there is now annually allowed for it the sum of 1*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.*, which forms part of the weekly bread-fund.

LADY YEAMAN'S CHARITY.

This charity is thus recorded in one of the books of the vestry:—

"1729.—Lady Yeamans left by will, to the poor of this parish, 30*l.*, to be paid out

of her estate, which estate falling short, only 13*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* was received by the vestry, the interest to be paid yearly, for ever."

For the sum thus received, the annual interest of 11*s.* is allowed by the vestry, which forms a part of the fund distributed at Christmas.

MARY SMITH'S CHARITY.

Mary Smith, by her will, dated 12th March, 1734, after reciting that she was possessed of, or entitled unto, for the remainder of a term of 90 years absolute, a certain annuity or yearly rent-charge of 30*l.*, issuing out of three messuages or tenements, and garden grounds, situate in St. Mary Redcliff-street, in the parish of St. Thomas, in the city of Bristol; and out of a messuage or tenement, then used as a writing-school, situate in or near St. Thomas's Church-lane, in the said city, and out of certain cellars and a stable, in or near the same lane, gave and devised the said annuity, after the respective deaths of her relations therein-mentioned, for the remainder of the said term, to the churchwardens of the several parishes of St. Thomas and St. Mary Redcliff, and their successors, in trust, to pay and dispose of the same unto and amongst such poor old persons of the said respective parishes, as should most stand in need thereof, in the judgment of the said churchwardens respectively, each of the said parishes to have one moiety thereof; but her will and meaning was, that in case any of her relations, wheresoever they dwelt, should be at any time reduced to poverty, then the said churchwardens should pay unto such of her poor relations, as should be so reduced, the yearly sum of 7*l.* 10*s.*, being one-fourth part of the said annuity; that is to say, each of the said parishes 3*l.* 15*s.*, the same to continue in payment so long time as their poverty continued; and further reciting, that she was entitled to the reversion of and in the said several messuages and tenements so charged as aforesaid, for the remainder of a long term of years, after the expiration of the said term of 90 years, she gave and devised to the said churchwardens of the said several parishes of St. Thomas and St. Mary Redcliff, and their successors, the said several messuages or tenements, gardens, cellars, stable, and premises, and all her estate, right, title, term of years yet to come and unexpired, and interest whatsoever, of, in, and to the same, to hold the same for all the remainder of her estate, term, and interest therein, in trust, to pay, dispose, and deliver the whole rents and profits thereof, after repairs, taxes, and other necessary disbursements first deducted, to and amongst such poor old persons of the said respective parishes, equally, as the said churchwardens should think most to need the same, each of the said parishes to have one moiety thereof for the purpose aforesaid; but her will and meaning was, that, in case it should happen any of her relations, wheresoever they dwelt, should be at any time reduced to poverty after the expiration of the said term of 90 years, and the premises should be in possession of the said churchwardens in manner aforesaid, that then the said churchwardens of the said several parishes should pay unto such of her said relations as should be so reduced, the quarter part of the yearly rents of the said premises, each of the said parishes to pay

one moiety thereof, the same to be equally distributed to and amongst such of her relations as should be so reduced to poverty as aforesaid, and to continue in payment during so long time as their poverty continued.

It appears, from the original deed found among the parish papers, that the term, on which the annuity of 30*l.* depended, was a term of 99 years, from the 25th March, 1721. This term having expired on the 25th March, 1820, the churchwardens of the respective parishes of Redcliff and St. Thomas took formal possession of the premises by virtue of their reversionary interest, but agreed to continue the actual tenants in their respective occupations, as tenants from year to year, subject to the determination of the respective vestries to grant them leases for seven years, under such rents and covenants as should be agreed upon.

The following are the particulars of the present state of these premises, viz :—

	£	s.	d.
1st.—A messuage and warehouse, situate in Redcliff-street, in the parish of St. Thomas, held by Shute, Edwards, & Co., at the annual rent of ..	120	0	0
2d.—A dwelling-house, adjoining the above, and held by George Taylor, at the annual rent of	50	0	0
3d.—Another house also adjoining the first, and held by Benjamin Bozley, at the annual rent of	25	0	0
Total rents	£195	0	0

These rents, we have reason to believe, to be the fair value of the respective premises.

The annuity of 30*l.* appears to have been regularly paid during the continuance of the term. Of the 15*l.* which came to Redcliff parish, the sum of 3*l.* 15*s.* was annually divided among certain poor relations of the testatrix, and the remaining 11*l.* 5*s.* was distributed separately among the poor at Christmas, as the gift of Mrs. Mary Smith.

Of the rents which have accrued since the determination of the annuity, no disposition has yet been made, it having been found necessary to apply to the court of Chancery for directions upon the subject, which have not yet been finally pronounced.

EDWARD DOWELL'S CHARITY.

"1737.—Mr. Edward Dowell gave 100*l.* the profit thereof to forty poor housekeepers of this parish on St. Thomas's-day, yearly, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

This gift is credited in the vestry accounts of the same year. The annual interest of 4*l.* is allowed for it, and forms a part of the Christmas distribution.

JOHN JAINE'S CHARITY.

"1738.—Mr. John Jaine, of this parish, gave 150*l.* the interest thereof to be given to the poor of this parish in clothing yearly, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

This gift appears credited in the vestry accounts for the same year, and there is now allowed for it the annual sum of 6*l.*

This annual allowance, with the addition of 2*l.* from Sir William Penn's charity, which we have before particularized, (making together the sum of 8*l.*) is laid out in the purchase of gowns, shifts, and shirts, which are distributed at Christmas among poor men and women of the parish, to the number generally of twelve.

ANN WHITE'S CHARITY

"1756.—Mrs. Ann White gave 50*l.* the interest thereof to the poor of this parish in bread, on the 19th day of September, yearly, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

This gift appears credited in the vestry accounts of the same year; and there is annually allowed for it the sum of 2*l.* with which eighty sixpenny loaves are purchased and distributed among the poor of the parish, on the 19th September.

ROBERT SANDFORD'S CHARITY.

Robert Sandford, by his will, dated the 6th October, 1755, gave, after the death of his wife, the sum of 1,000*l.* to the minister and churchwardens of the parish of St. Mary Redcliff, to the intent that they and their successors should place and continue the same at interest, and the interest thereof should yearly pay to thirty poor housekeepers of the said parish, not receiving alms, on St. Thomas's-day for ever. But he willed that no person, not of the church of England, should partake of that his charity.

We find from the vestry books that, in the year 1759, the sum of 40*l.* was received from the executors of Mr. Sandford, for interest upon his legacy; and the same sum continues to be annually credited until the year 1764, when credit is given for the sum of 1,052*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* as received by the vestry from Fettiplace Nott, Esquire, for Mr. Sandford's donation and interest.

The interest appears to have been distributed at the time. The principal of 1,000*l.* was applied to the general purposes of the parish; and the annual sum of 40*l.* in respect thereof has been since allowed to the use of the charity.

This annual allowance is divided into three equal parts, which are respectively distributed by the minister and each of the two churchwardens among ten poor housekeepers (making thirty in the whole) of the church of England not receiving parish relief.

This distribution is generally made on St. Thomas's-day, as directed by the testator.

CHARITIES VESTED IN THE CORPORATION OF BRISTOL.

The following charities are annually received by the churchwardens from the city chamberlain :—

George Harrington's 2*l.* which is divided at Christmas between four poor freemen belonging to the parish, or their widows.

Thomasine Harrington's 2*l.* 12*s.* which is carried to the weekly bread account.

Edward Cox's 1*l.* which is added to the fund distributed at Christmas.

Alderman Kitchen's 2*l.* which is divided at Christmas between four poor freemen inhabiting in the parish.

Joseph Jackson's 1*l.* 15*s.* which is added to the fund distributed at Christmas.

The mayor's gift, 1*l.* which is also added to the Christmas fund.

The three first-mentioned of these charities have been already reported among the charities of the city of Bristol, (*See* Rep. No. 6.*)

The charities of Alderman Kitchen and Joseph Jackson will be included in a future Report of the remainder of the city charities.

The charity, described by the name of the mayor's gift, consists of a sum of 10*l.* which is annually supplied by the corporation to the several parishes of the city, in different proportions, for the purchase of coals for their respective poor.

This charity is traced back as early as the year 1625, and is supposed to have originated in the voluntary bounty of the mayor and commonalty.

CONTRIBUTION FOR RINGING THE BELLS.

"1724.—This year, by the voluntary contributions of some of this parish, was raised the sum of 20*l.* and paid into the vestry; the profit thereof to be paid for ringing the bells in memory of the late worthy Edward Colston, Esquire, on the 2d day of November, yearly, for ever." (Ben. Tab.)

The sum of 20*s.* is annually paid by the vestry on the 2d of November, for ringing the bells on that day, in pursuance of the trust above expressed.

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ALDERMAN BROWN'S CHARITY.

The benefaction table further records that Mr. Hugh Brown, alderman, gave 54*s.* yearly, for ever.

We have not been able to ascertain by what deed or instrument this grant was made, or in what particular manner it was secured; but we find credit given for the payment in the vestry accounts of the year 1654, in the following terms:—

"For the first half-year's payment of the gift of Mr. Alderman Brown, late deceased, of fifty-four shillings per annum for the poor in bread, 1*l.* 7*s.*"

The payment appears to have been regularly continued down to the 25th March, 1661, when it ceases; and, at the close of the account for 1662, we find the following memorandum:—

"Alderman Brown charging certain rents belonging to the Crown; now, on His Majesty's happy restoration, that rent is gone."

The following table is intended to show the total amount of the respective disbursements which are made in the course of the year on account of the foregoing miscellaneous charities.

It will also show the whole amount of the moneys which have from time to time been received by the vestry on account of those charities, and the amount of the several annual allowances now made in respect of them.

CHARITIES OF	Moneys received by the Vestry. Dates.	Moneys received by the Vestry. Sums.	Annual allowances in respect thereof.	Rents and other Annual Receipts.	ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS. In Money. Principally at Christmas.	In Bread. Weekly.	In Bread. At other Times.	In Clothing.	To the Minister.	To the Clerk and Sexton.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£. s. d.
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George Gibbes	....	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	3 6 8	.. .. ..	2 12 0	....	.....	0 13 4	0 1 4
William Pitt and Mary Stiles ..	....	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	2 7 0	.. ..	2 7 0	....	.....	.....	.....
Blanch Yeamans, &c.	....	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	7 0 0	.. .. ..	7 0 0	....	.....	.....	.....
John Hayter	....	... .	.. ..	1 6 0	.. .. ..	1 6 0	....	.....	.....	.....
Francis Gleed	....	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	1 18 0	1 18 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
Ann Edson.....	....	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	1 5 0	.. .. ..	.. ..	1 Jan. 0 12 0	.....	0 10 0	0 3 0
Mary Gibbs	....	30 0 0	1 4 0	.. .. ..	1 4 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
Arthur Farmer	1668	40 0 0	1 12 0	.. .. ..	1 12 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
Thomas Farmer.....	1670	50 0 0	2 0 0	.. .. ..	2 0 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
Richard Vickris.....	1774	72 16 0	2 12 0	.. ..	.. .. ..	2 12 0	....	.....	.....	.....
Sir William Penn	1670	50 0 0	2 0 0	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	....	2 0 0	.....	.....
William Curtis	1670	50 0 0	2 0 0	.. .. ..	2 0 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
Elizabeth Caro	1673	5 0 0	0 4 0	.. .. ..	0 4 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
Joseph Bullock	1675	70 0 0	2 16 0	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	4 Oct. 1 16 0	.....	0 15 0	0 5 0
Mary Casbeard	....	.. ..	.. ..	2 0 0	2 0 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
Sarah Birks	1678	20 0 0	0 16 0	.. ..	0 16 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
Richard Luckcock.....	1678	50 0 0	2 0 0	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	2 0 0	....	.....	.....	.....
Elizabeth Yeamans	1684	10 0 0	0 8 0	.. .. ..	0 8 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
Jeremiah Holloway	1685	20 0 0	0 16 0	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	0 16 0	....	.....	.....	.....
Sir Robert Yeaman	1690	50 0 0	2 0 0	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	2 0 0	....	.....	.....	.....
Samuel Hale	1687	10 0 0	0 8 0	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	0 8 0	....	.....	.....	.....
John Lawford	1689	50 0 0	2 0 0	.. .. ..	.. ..	2 0 0	....	.....	.....	.....
Margaret Stokes	1690	10 0 0	0 8 0	... .	0 8 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
Susannah Compton	1691	10 0 0	0 8 0	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	Midsum. day 0 8 0	.....	.....	.....
William Whitehead	1723	50 0 0	2 10 0	.. .. ..	2 10 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
Alice West	....	182 12 0	7 4 0	1 0 0	8 4 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
William James	1719	30 0 0	1 4 0	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	5 Nov. 0 11 0	.....	0 10 0	0 3 0
Ann Tilly	1721	21 0 0	0 16 0	.. ..	.. .. ..	.. ..	24 Dec. .. 0 16 0	.....	.....	.....
John Newman	1724	26 0 0	1 0 9	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	1 0 9	....	.....	.....	.....
Lady Yeaman	1729	13 17 6	0 11 0	.. .. ..	0 11 0	.. .. ..	....	....	.....	.....
Edward Dowell	1737	100 0 0	4 0 0	.. .. ..	4 0 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
John Jaine	1738	150 0 0	6 0 0	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	....	6 0 0	.....	.....
Ann White.....	1756	50 0 0	2 0 0	... .	.. ..	.. .. ..	19 Sept. .. 2 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Robert Sandford	1764	1,000 0 0	40 0 0	.. .. ..	40 0 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
George Harrington..... ...	....	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	2 0 0	2 0 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
Thomasine Harrington	..	.. .. .	.. .. ..	2 12 0	.. .. ..	2 12 0	....	.....	.....	.....
Carried forward	.. £	2,317 15 6	92 14 11	24 14 8	69 15 0	30 10 11	.... 6 3 0	3 0 0	2 8 4	0 12 4

CHARITIES OF	Moneys received by the Vestry. Dates.	Moneys received by the Vestry. Sums.	Annual allowances in respect thereof.	Rents and other Annual Receipts.	ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS. In Money. Principally at Christmas.	In Bread. Weekly.	In Bread. At other Times.	In Clothing.	To the Minister.	To the Clerk and Sexton.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	....	2,317 15 6	92 14 11	24 14 8	69 15 0	30 10 11	.... 6 3 0	8 0 0	2 8 4	0 12 4
Edward Cox	....	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	1 0 0	1 0 0	.. .. ..	....	....	.....	.....
Alderman Hitchin	....	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	2 0 0	2 0 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
Joseph Jackson	....	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	1 15 0	1 15 0	.. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
The Mayor's gift	....	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	1 0 0	1 0 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	.....
										Bell Ringers.
Contribution for ringing the bells	1724	20 0 0	1 0 0	.. .. ..	.. ....	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	1 0 0
				30 9 8						1 12 4
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							6 3 0	.....	.....	6 3 0
						*30 10 11	....	.....	.....	30 10 11
		2,337 15	93 14 11	93 14 11	75 10 0	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	75 10 0
There will hereafter be to be added				124 4 7	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	....	.....	.....	124 4 7
Mrs. Mary Smith's rents, one half	....	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	97 10 0						
And (if we have been correct in the opinion which we have expressed above upon the subject) there will also be to be added—				221 14 7						
The further rents of Blanch Yeaman's Charity	....	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	1 19 0						
The fines received on account of do.	....	3,891 1 6								
Interest on those fines	....									
Interest on Alice West's fine of £130. from the year 1798	....									

* The actual weekly distribution is at the rate of 11*s.* 8*d.* per week, which makes, per annum, £30 6*s.* 8*d.*

In the particular reports which we have made above, of the several charities just recapitulated, it has been seen that, in several instances, the annual allowances afforded by the vestry, on account of the moneys received by them to the use of the respective charities, had been reduced from five, and sometimes from six, to four per cent., and, in one or two instances, to still less.

These allowances have been always paid out of the rents of the parish lands; and it will presently be seen, in the account which we are about to give of those lands, that the trusts, on which they have from time to time been transmitted to successive trustees, have been, in general terms, to apply the rents to the same uses and purposes to which they had been theretofore applied; although, therefore, no specific charge has been imposed upon the lands to secure the continuance of each respective allowance; yet we apprehend that the fact of such allowance having been previously made out of the rents of the lands would, in each case, entitle the charity to the benefit of the general trust expressed in the subsequent trust deed. And under these circumstances it seems reasonable to consider the several allowances in the nature of equitable rent-charges upon the lands, created respectively at the times when the moneys, in respect of which those allowances were severally granted, were first received by the vestry, and appropriated to the general purposes of the parish.

This view of the subject leads us to entertain considerable doubts of the power of the vestry to reduce the rate of those annual allowances from time to time, in the manner that they are found to have done.

THE CHURCH AND PIPE LANDS.

THE CHURCH.

In a writ of execution, purporting to have issued out of the Court of Chancery in the third or fourth year of the reign of King Charles the First, directed to Thomas Cecil, Philip Cecil, and others, it is recited, (among other things) that in Easter term, in the third year of the reign of his said Majesty, John Scott and Robert Jones, churchwardens of the parish church of Saint Mary Redcliff, within the county or city of Bristol, and two of the parishioners, exhibited their bill of complaint to that honourable court, against Thomas Cecil, Philip Cecil, and others, declaring thereby, that the parish church of Redcliff, for the foundation structures and buildings thereof, was one of the most famous, absolute, fairest, and goodliest parish churches within the realm of England; and that the founder of the said church, and divers other good, godly, and well-disposed persons, whose names, for want of the evidence in that behalf, the said complainants could not set forth, had theretofore, for and towards the maintenance and reparations of the said church, given divers and sundry messuages, orchards, gardens, lands, and tenements, amounting to the yearly value of 400*l.* of lawful money of England, part whereof being given and dedicated as well to some superstitious uses, as to the maintenance and reparations of the church, the same by means thereof, and of a statute in the fifth year of Edward the Sixth,

came to him, and from him by descent to Queen Elizabeth; and that the said queen, by letters patent, dated 13th July, in the 30th year of her reign, and other letters patent, dated at Richmond, 22d December, in the 33d year of her reign, (*inter alia*) gave and granted the said messuages, orchards, gardens, lands, and tenements, to William Tipper and Robert Dawe, of London, gentlemen, by the name of all such lands, tenements, reversions, and hereditaments whatsoever, situate within the county of the city of Bristol, called, reputed, or known by the name of Church Land, Parish Land, or Chapel Land, to the free chapel or parish church of Saint Mary Redcliff, within or near the county of the city of Bristol, belonging or appertaining to be had or holden by the said grantees, and their heirs for ever, under the yearly rent of 10*s.*; her majesty's most gracious meaning being, that the same, and the rents, issues, and profits thereof, should be employed in maintaining and keeping the said church in its wonted beauty and repair; it being a great ornament to those parts of this kingdom. That the said grantees, by writing, dated 27th January, in the said 33d year, in consideration of a small sum of money to them paid by the churchwardens of the said church, or parishioners of the said parish, granted, bargained, and sold to George Snigg, Esquire, afterwards Sir George Snigg, knight, and one Thomas Owen, by the direction and appointment of the said churchwardens and parishioners, all those the said messuages, orchards, and premises before-mentioned, to hold unto the said Sir George and Thomas, and to the heirs of the said Sir George for ever, for and to the use, maintenance, and reparation of the said church and purpose last aforesaid; and that at the charge, and by the appointment and direction, of the churchwardens and parishioners of the said parish for the time being as aforesaid. That afterwards the said Sir George and Thomas, by deed, dated 10th April, in the said 33d year, granted, and assured, by the nomination, direction, and consent of the then churchwardens and parishioners of the said parish church, to Walter Pikes, Thomas Cecil, William White, George Davis, and others, all and singular the said messuages and premises, to hold to the said last-mentioned grantees, and their heirs, for ever, upon trust and confidence, that the same, and the rents, issues, fines, and profits thereof, should be employed and bestowed for the maintenance and reparation of the said church and purpose last aforesaid, by and with the consent of the minister, churchwarden, and vestrymen of the said parish or church for the time being; and that they, the survivors and survivor, and the heirs of the survivor, should from time to time make and seal such grants, leases, and estates of the said messuages and premises, as by the minister, churchwardens, and vestrymen of the said parish or church, for the time being, or the major part of them, should be thought fit for the good and for the better maintenance, repair, and beautifying of the said church, and for preservation of the said messuages and tenements in good repair, and keeping and preserving of the right and title of the same, and of the lands, tenements, and premises. And the said last-mentioned grantees, or any of them, should not make any demise, lease, or grant of the said premises, or of any part or parcel thereof, to any person or persons whatsoever, or intermeddle with any of the said premises, or with the rents, issues, fines, casualties, profits, or commodities thereof, without the consent, allowance, approbation, and direction of the minister, churchwarden, and vestrymen aforesaid, or the greater number of them, first had and obtained at their common vestry, holden at the said parish church, and agreed upon, and made and sealed in the vestry of the said church; and that they the said last-mentioned grantees, and the survivors and

survivor of them, should grant, convey, and assure, and make a new feoffment, and enfeoff the said messuages and premises to such other person or persons as by the minister, churchwardens, and vestrymen, of the said parish, or the greater number of them, should be thought fit, nominated, appointed, and agreed upon in the said vestry for the better preservation of the inheritance of the said lands and premises, and for the good of the church. That the complainants then alleged, that the said Thomas Cecil, William White, and George Davis, being the surviving feoffees, about twelve years then last past, being requested by the minister, churchwardens, and vestrymen, to grant and newly enfeoff the said lands and premises to other persons, did, contrary to the trust in them reposed, refuse to do so, giving forth in speeches that the said lands were their own, and that they might do therewith what they pleased; and that, among certain other acts of abuse and malversation, they had granted certain unconscionable and improper leases specified in the said bill, wherefore the complainants prayed for the relief of the court. That the defendants put in their answer, and the complainants replied, and a commission issued for the examination of witnesses, which was executed, and a day appointed for the hearing of the cause; on which day, on long hearing and debating the matter in question between the said parties, the court taking into consideration the wrong done to the church, and being willing to rectify the same, and to prevent the like to come, it was in the term of the Holy Trinity, viz. on Tuesday, the 1st of July, in the 4th year of King Charles the First, by the Right Honourable Lord Coventry, lord keeper of the Great Seal, and by the said high court of Chancery, adjudged and decreed, that all the said leases made in reversion, and complained of in the bill, should be utterly void; and that a commission should be awarded to John Goning, and others, and any two of them, to call before them all the parties interested, and to take assurance from all the parties interested by or under any former feoffment, of any of the lands or tenements belonging to the said church, who were thereby ordered and decreed to make a new feoffment for assurance thereof to such persons, and in such sort, as the said commissioners should nominate and think fit; which said new feoffees should take a release, assignment, and surrender from all the then defendants of their own leases in possession, and should make unto them new leases for the same term of years which they had then to come in the said old leases. Wherefore the said Thomas Cecil, and the others, were, by the said writ of execution, commanded and strictly enjoined to execute all and every the matters and things in the said decree specified, as far as the same respectively concerned them.

By indenture, dated the 20th September, in the 4th year of King Charles the First, Thomas Cecil and others, and, by another indenture of the same date, Thomas Chambers and others, in obedience and performance of the decree above recited, and by the nomination of John Goning and others, respectively granted, bargained, and sold to Peter Miller and Richard Aldworth, their heirs and assigns, for ever, all those messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, and hereditaments whatsoever, situate and being within the county of the city of Bristol, or elsewhere, called, reputed, taken, or known by the name of Church Lands, Parish Lands, or Chapel Lands, to the free chapel or parish church of St. Mary Redcliff, within or near the county of the city of Bristol, in deed or reputation belonging, and parcel of the lands and possessions thereof, theretofore and then in deed or reputation being, all which premises Sir George Snigg, knight, deceased, and one Thomas Owen, theretofore purchased to them, and the heirs and assigns of the said Sir

George Snigg, from William Tipper and Robert Dawe, of London, gentleman, which was in trust for the use of the said church or chapel.

By indenture, dated 20th October, 4th Charles I, the said Peter Miller and Richard Aldworth conveyed all the said premises, by the description given in the last abstracted indenture, to John Barker and others, to hold to them, their heirs and assigns for ever, in trust, and to and for the use of the said church or chapel.

A new trust-deed of the 5th November, 1651, declares the trust to be "for the better maintenance, sustentation, and reparation of the said church or chapel."

The next succeeding trust deed, which is dated the 26th February, 1668, embraces the Pipe Lands and certain other premises; and the trusts are therefore extended in the manner that will presently be shown.

THE PIPE.

The earliest mention that appears of the Pipe, in any of the parish documents, is found in the vestry accounts for the year 1552, in which there is a charge of 10*l.* for the purchase of a house for the use of the Pipe; and in the following year there commences a rental, and debtor and creditor account of the lands belonging to the Pipe, which is regularly continued for a series of years. There is also found among the parish documents the counterpart of a lease, dated the 14th July, 1566, whereby certain persons, described as feoffees of the parish lands of St. Mary Redcliff, demised to the parishioners of the parish of St. Thomas, "the same conduit pipe, commonly called a Feather of Water, that served the late house or hospital of St. John's, in Redcliff Pit, issuing out of the great conduit pipe that serveth Redcliff conduit, the same feather of water to be conveyed from the said great pipe to the conduit standing in the parish of St. Thomas, in as full and ample a manner as it served the said hospital of St. John's, for the profit and commodity of the parishioners of the said parish of St. Thomas, and of all other the inhabitants of the said city, that should need to have recourse to the said conduit of St. Thomas: to hold the same, with free course and recourse to repair the same, to the lessees for the term of 500 years, and from thenceforth as long as the said conduit of St. Thomas should be standing, and maintained as a conduit, for people to have recourse to fetch water there. And the lessees covenanted, in consideration of the said demise, upon warning to them to be given by the proctors of Redcliff, from time to time, as long as they should have the commodity of water aforesaid, to give their attendance and diligence about the repairing and amending, as well the spring head from whence the water aforesaid had the course, as also about the repairing or new making the said great pipe from the head of the said spring, until the place of the said feather, and should bear and pay a third part of all manner of charges concerning the same great pipe and head; and should also yearly, on St. John the Baptist's day, during all the said term, yield and pay to the proctors of Redcliff, and their successors, twelve-pence, if lawfully required, as a knowledge of a rent or duty for the holding of the said feather of water."

We have found no trust-deed of the Pipe Lands of an earlier date than that of the 23d March, 1613, whereby William White and others, for the sum of 10*s.*, and especially for that they were surviving feoffees, who received the lands after-mentioned to such special uses as were thereafter mentioned, granted and conveyed to Thomas Cecil and

others, their heirs and assigns, all that one close of meadow or pasture ground, and one garden and one house, called the Lodge, with the appurtenances, containing, by estimation, three acres, situate in the parish of Redcliff; and also one other close and garden, and one house thereunto adjoining, with the appurtenances, containing, by estimation, two acres of pasture or meadow ground, situate in the parish of Bedminster, in the county of Somerset; and also one other close of meadow or pasture ground, with the appurtenances, late in the tenure of Thomas Tomlinson, innholder, containing, by estimation, three acres; and also all that messuage or tenement and garden, with the appurtenances, situate within the city of Bristol, upon the hill called Redcliff Hill, which came by the gift or grant of one Thomas Kirkland, late of the said city of Bristol, clothier, to hold to the grantees, their heirs and assigns for ever, to the use, intent, and purpose, that with the yearly rents, and all the issues and profits arising, and to be made of the same, the conduit of water course of Redcliff pipes, in the city of Bristol aforesaid, should be repaired, amended, and maintained, and continued and preserved, from time to time, for ever; and to such other uses, intents, and purposes, as the same rents, issues, and profits had been usually employed by the parishioners of Redcliff theretofore, and the former feoffees of the same lands in that behalf.

The same trusts are brought down by subsequent deeds to the year 1668, when, as we have already mentioned, the church and pipe lands were blended in one conveyance.

THE CHURCH AND PIPE.

By indenture, dated the 26th February, 1668, Francis Yeamans and William Cox conveyed to Alexander James and others, all and singular the messuages and premises, &c. (by the description before given of the church lands in the deed of the 20th October, 4 Car. I.); and also all the pipe lands and premises specified in the deed of the 23d March, 1613, though a little varying in description, and containing the following addition: "All which closes, parcels of ground, messuages, tenements, and premises last mentioned, have been heretofore given and purchased, and the rents, issues, and profits thereof have been hitherto disposed and employed for and about the maintenance and reparation of the pipe or conduit, being near to the said parish church of Redcliff." The deed further conveyed all that close of meadow or pasture ground, late the inheritance of George Gibbs, deceased, containing, by estimation, three acres, or thereabouts, situate within the parish of Bedminster; which said close, with its appurtenances, was, by the said George Gibbs, granted, conveyed, and assured to the late feoffees of the said church lands, their heirs and assigns, for ever, to the intent and purpose, that out of the rents and profits thereof there should be yearly raised 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, whereof 2*l.* 12*s.* should be for bread, by twelve pence weekly, for the poor; and the residue for a sermon, to be preached in the said parish church on Palm Sunday, yearly, and to the clerk and sexton, (*See* George Gibb's charity); and also all that messuage or tenement theretofore erected by one Thomas Thydoll, and two acres, by estimation, of meadow ground, whereupon the said messuage or tenement was erected and built, situate and being near the river Avon, in the parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, in the county of Gloucester, and late in the tenure of John Gamlen, or his assigns, and all houses, edifices, &c. to the said messuage, tenement, and premises belonging; which last-mentioned messuage, close, and

premises were by the late feoffees and others, their co-feoffees, bought and purchased for the benefit and good of the poor of the said parish of Redcliff, with moneys given for that purpose by several benefactors; and so the rents thereof had been and ought to be employed, [*see* charities of Blanch Yeamans, Charity White, &c.]; and also one annuity or yearly rent or sum of 52*s.*, issuing out of all that messuage or tenement, situate in Temple-street, in the parish of Temple, which messuage was purchased by Henry Lloyd, who granted the said annuity, with moneys given by William Pitt and Mary Stiles, for the use and benefit of the poor of the said parish of Redcliff, [*see* charities of William Pitt and Mary Stiles], which said respective premises were so conveyed to the said grantees, their heirs, and assigns, for ever, "on trust and confidence, and to the intent and purpose that they should, for ever, thereafter, bestow and employ the rents, issues, and profits of the respective lands, tenements, hereditaments, annuity, and premises, to and for the same uses, intents, and purposes, and in such manner as the same rents and profits of the same premises respectively, had theretofore been bestowed and employed."

These trusts are brought down, by subsequent deeds, to the 28th September, 1776; but the latest deed, in which any distinction between the church, pipe, and poor's lands is preserved, is that of the 15th May, 1754, in which the premises are respectively particularized in the manner that will be seen in the Appendix. [*See* Schedule (A.)]

It is to be observed, that the last-mentioned deed, in addition to the premises which had been conveyed by former deeds, embraced also certain other premises, which had been purchased, in the year 1740, from Thomas Baynard, for the sum of 850*l.* [*See* Appendix, Schedule (A. b.)] And also certain other premises, purchased, in the year 1751, from Edward Higgins, Gibbons, and others, for the sum of 950*l.* [*See* Appendix, Schedule (A. c.)]

The following additional purchases have been since made; viz. 22d March, 1760, from John Stanford Perrott, and others, eight messuages and premises in Redcliff and Temple parishes, or one of them, for the sum of 1,180*l.* [*See* Appendix, Schedule (B.) Nos. 88 and seq.]

15th July, 1817, from the Bristol Dock Company, a piece of garden ground, (since covered with buildings,) for the sum of 326*l.* 5*s.* [*See* Appendix, Schedule (B.) Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5.]

12th December, 1818, from Wintour Harris, and others, a house and garden, in Cathay Parade, for the sum of 615*l.*, and the deeds 53*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* [*See* Appendix, Schedule (B.) No. 115.]

In the year 1804, about five acres of the land, purchased in 1751, were sold to the Bristol Dock Company, under the powers of their Act; and for the reversionary interest of the trustees, (the premises being then on lease for lives,) they received the sum of 350*l.* 15*s.* From the inroads of the river, as it is supposed, two or three acres more have been since subtracted from what remained to the trustees. For these it is expected that the trustees will shortly receive an adequate compensation from the Dock Company.

For another parcel of land, measuring 100 feet in breadth, and 179 feet in length, which was sold to the same company, the trustees received the sum of 50*l.*, which, with the above-mentioned sum of 350*l.* 15*s.*, was laid out in the purchase of 689*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* three per cent. reduced annuities. This stock, being subsequently sold, produced the sum of 545*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*, which was applied towards the purchase from Wintour Harris, in 1818.

The foregoing are the only acquisitions and alienations of property that appear to have been made since the trust deed of 1754. The present state of the premises, with the names of the respective lessees and occupiers, and the terms of their leases, the rents and fines for renewal, and other particulars, will be seen in Schedule (B.) in the Appendix; by which it will be found that the present—

	£	s.	d.
Annual amount of the rents is	214	13	5
And that the fines for renewal, on an average of the last ten years, amount, per annum, to	817	4	1
So as to make an average annual income of	1,031	17	6
Exclusive of the annuity received from the corporation of the poor, as we have stated in our Report on the Redcliff Hill almshouse	16	0	0
Which, being added, makes a total of	1,047	17	6
From these rents, as we have before stated, the annual allowances for charitable purposes are supplied; in addition to which, the various other parochial charges are defrayed, the particulars of which will be seen in the Appendix, Schedule (C.); the whole expenditure amounting, upon an average of the last ten years, to the annual sum of	1,025	2	6
Leaving an average annual surplus of	£22	15	0

The lands are let on leases for lives, with fines for renewal, in conformity to the practice which has been long observed in the parish, and which appears to be prevalent at Bristol. The fine which is generally required by the vestry, for the insertion of one new life, is double the yearly value of the premises at the time of such renewal. The value is ascertained by surveyors appointed for the purpose by the vestry; and, upon the whole, we have found no reason to doubt that they have, on all occasions, obtained the best terms that they were able to procure.

PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL.

Thomas Brayne's Gift.
Mrs. Ann Brickdale's Gift.
Mrs. Martha Hunt's Charity.
Isaac Hobhouse's Gift.
Benjamin Bristow's Gift.
Mrs. Elizabeth Bristow's Charities.
Mrs. Ann Whitton's Charity.
Thomas Dymock's Gift.
Nelme Rogers's Charity.
Mrs. Elizabeth Bayley's Gift.
Robert Bridle's Charity.
Mrs. Ann Hort's Gift.
Henry Muggleworth's Gift.
Philip Freeke's Charity.
Captain John Williams's Charity.
Elizabeth Neville's Charity.
Peter Davis's Charity.
Richard Percival's Gift.
Richard Gravatt's Gift.
Thomas Moore's Charity.
Thomas Jones's Gift.
Mrs. Day's Gift.
Joseph Wakeley's Gift.
Richard Haynes's Gift.
John Tyler's Gift.
Mrs. Thomasine Harrington's Gift.
Thomas Farmer's Charity.
Mrs. Joan Langton's Charity.
Elizabeth Farmer's Gift.
Gifts of Jeremy Hallway, Elizabeth Wiggens, and Thomas Stretton.
Anthony Hodges's Charity.
Gifts of Ann Rixon, Alexander James, and Benjamin Willoughby.
Gifts of William Cook and others.
Mary Yardley's Gift.
George White's Gift.
Thomas Clement's Charity.
Eusebius Brook's Charity.
Mary Jones's Gift.
Dorothy Hand's Gift.
Alderman Robert Kitchen's Charity.
George Harrington's Charity.
Joseph Jackson's Gift.
James Seward's Gift.
Francis Gleede's Charity.
Cox's Gift.
John Carr's Gift.
United Schools of St. Michael and St. Augustine.
Church Lands and Stock.

THOMAS BRAYNE'S GIFT.

THE original document, under which this charity is derived, could not be produced; but, in the churchwarden's accounts for 1763, it appears that Mr. Brayne's gift was for preaching a sermon on Easter Tuesday, for which 30*l.* is acknowledged to have been received.

According to the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1780, page 133, a certain number of gifts therein enumerated, amounting to the sum of 470*l.*, were invested in the purchase of 634*l.* 2*s.* stock four per cent. annuities consolidated April 6th, 1780, at the price of 73¾ per cent., and producing an interest of 25*l.* 7*s.* 2d. among which number of gifts so invested was one of 30*l.*, by Mr. Thomas Brayne, the amount of stock purchased with the same being 40*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* producing an interest of 1*l.* 12*s.* 4½*d.*

In a book containing an account of the investment of gifts to St. Michael's parish, the circumstances respecting the investment of this money are recorded as follows:—

"1763, Mr. Thomas Brayne's gift, for a sermon on Easter Tuesday, 30*l.*

" In the hands of the Rev. Mr. Calliford.

" His note of hand paid off by his executors in 1764."

Various loans of this money, together with others, are then stated to have been made to different individuals, upon their notes of hand, until the 5th December, 1780, when the above-mentioned investment, in the four per cents., is mentioned to have been made. The same book shows, in page 5, that in this present year, 1822, the above-mentioned sum of 634*l.* 2*s.* stock, four per cent. consols, is now standing in the names of Richard Brickdale Ward, Thomas Lansdown, George Rogers, and Neast Grevile Prideaux, being part of 910*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* vested in the same names, as will hereafter more distinctly appear.

The following are the gifts now invested in the same stock, and making up the above-mentioned sum of 634*l.* 2*s.*:—

	Gifts.			Amount of Stock.			Interest.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mr. Isaac Hobhouse	100	0	0	134	18	3½	5	7	11
Mrs. Martha Hunt	50	0	0	67	9	1¾	2	13	11¼
Mr. Thomas Braine	30	0	0	40	9	6	1	12	4¼
Mrs. Ann Whitton	20	0	0	26	19	7¾	1	1	7¼
Mr. Benjamin Bristow	30	0	0	40	9	6	1	12	4¼
Mrs. Ann Brickdale	40	0	0	53	19	3¾	2	3	2
Mrs. Elizabeth Bristow	60	0	0	80	19	0	3	4	9¼
Mr. Thomas Dymock	50	0	0	67	9	1¾	2	13	11¼
Mr. Nelme Rogers	50	0	0	67	9	1¾	2	13	11¼
Mrs. Elizabeth Bayley	40	0	0	53	19	3¾	2	3	2
	470	0	0	634	2	0	25	7	2

The sum actually distributed under this gift, as appears by the churchwarden's books is 1*l.* 4*s.*, being 1*l.* 1*s.* to the clergyman, 2*s.* to the clerk, and 1*s.* to the sexton; and the difference between that sum, and the actual amount of the stock purchased with his gift, being 8*s.* 4¼*d.*, is regularly accounted for in the churchwarden's books, under the head of surplus moneys, and seems to have been partly given away in extra donations, the remainder being merged in the general balance.

The will of Thomas Brayne, at Doctor's Commons, has been since examined, in which there is no mention made of any bequest to St. Michael's parish.

MRS. ANN BRICKDALE'S GIFT.

Ann Brickdale, by her will and codicil, dated respectively 23d July, 1748, and 17th January, 1748, old stile, gave and bequeathed unto the churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, the sum of 40*l.*, to be by them put out at interest, and the interest thereof to be paid to such persons, not receiving alms, as her son, John Freeke Brickdale, should think fit, on the 2d day of January in every year, as long as her said son should live; and from and after his decease, in trust, that they, the said churchwardens and their successors should pay the interest of the said sum of 40*l.* unto such poor persons, not receiving alms, as they should fit, on the aforesaid 2d day of January, yearly for ever.

This sum of 40*l.* was, according to the churchwarden's accounts, received from Mr. John Brickdale on the 20th March, 1766; and the same is one of the gifts enumerated in the account of Thomas Brayne's charity, making up 470*l.*, and invested in the purchase of 634*l.* 2s. four per cents. The stock answering to the 40*l.* was 53*l.* 19*s.* 3¾*d.* producing a dividend of 2*l.* 3*s.* 2¼*d.*, which dividend, from the year 1800, appears, by the gift book, to have been annually distributed to the persons therein named, in different small sums, at the discretion of the churchwardens. Before that time the sum of 1*l.* 12*s.* only is stated in the books, as specifically distributed under this name, the difference between that sum, and the amount of the dividends, being included in a list of surplus gifts, exhibited in the same accounts.

MRS. MARTHA HUNT'S CHARITY.

Martha Hunt, late of the city of Bristol, widow, by her will, dated 13th August, 1757, gave unto the churchwardens for the time being of the parish of St. Michael, in the said city of Bristol, the sum of 50*l.*, to be paid within one year after her decease, in trust, to place the same out at interest, and to pay and apply the interest thereof on that day, in every year, whereon she should happen to die, unto such poor widows and fatherless children, belonging to the said parish, in such proportions, manner, and form, as they the said churchwardens for the time being, together with the minister of the said parish church for

the time being, should judge proper objects to receive the same. Also, she gave and bequeathed unto the churchwardens or chapelwardens of Shirehampton, for the time being, the sum of 25*l.*, to be paid within one year after her decease, in trust, to place out the same at interest, and to pay and apply the interest thereof yearly on that day, in every year, whereon she should happen to die, unto such poor widows and fatherless childen, belonging to the said tithing of Shirehampton, in such manner as they the said churchwardens or chapelwardens for the time being should judge fit objects of such charity.

It appears, by the churchwarden's accounts, that the above donation of 50*l.* was received in 1762. The receipt is in the following terms:—

"Received, September 2d, 1762, of Mr. George Ebbery, the sum of 50*l.*, being the gift of the late Mrs. Martha Hunt, to the poor widows and fatherless children belonging to the parish of St. Michael, in the city of Bristol."

And it appears, by the same book, that Mr. George Ebbery was churchwarden in 1761, and that Mr. John Thomas was his immediate successor.

This gift was among the number of those enumerated in the above account of Thomas Brayne's charity. The stock, answering to Mrs. Martha Hunt's gift, is 67*l.* 9*s.* 1¾*d.*, and the dividend 2*l.* 13*s.* 11¼*d.*

This dividend appears, by the gift books, to have been annually distributed among a varying number of persons, sometimes to the extent of twenty; but it does not appear, thereby, whether the persons receiving this benefaction have been widows, or fatherless children. The entry in the books expresses it to be the gift of Mrs. Martha Hunt, to be distributed at the discretion of the churchwardens; but the vestry have agreed to conform to the terms of the will in future.

ISAAC HOBHOUSE'S GIFT.

Isaac Hobhouse, late of the city of Bristol, merchant, by his will, dated 27th July, 1762, gave and bequeathed unto the churchwardens for the time being of the parish of St. Stephen, in the said city of Bristol, the sum of 100*l.*, to be paid them within three months after his decease, in trust, to place the same out at interest, on the best security they could get, and the interest and produce arising therefrom to be divided and distributed by the churchwardens of the said parish, for the time being, on St. Thomas's-day, yearly, for ever, unto and amongst such poor people of the said parish of St. Stephen, not receiving alms, as they the said churchwardens should deem proper objects. He also gave and bequeathed unto the churchwardens for the time being of the parish of St. Michael, in the said city of Bristol, the sum of 100*l.* to be paid them within three months after his decease, in trust, to place the same out at interest, on the best security they could get, and the interest and produce arising therefrom to be distributed and divided by the churchwardens of the said parish of St. Michael for the time being, on St. Thomas's-day, yearly for ever, unto and amongst such poor people of the said parish of St. Michael, not receiving alms, as they the said churchwardens should deem proper objects.

The receipt of the legacy of Mr. Isaac Hobhouse is entered in the church accounts, for the year 1763, as follows:—

"By late Mr. Isaac Hobhouse's legacy to the poor of this parish, 100*l.*"

This is among the gifts, mentioned above, in Brayne's charity. The amount of stock answering to this gift was 134*l.* 18*s.* 3½*d.*, and the interest arising therefrom is 5*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.*

Until the year 1780, when it was invested, an interest of four per cent. was accounted for upon this sum; and after that time, notwithstanding the investment above-mentioned, only 4*l.* annually appears to have been distributed under this gift, by name, till 1800; from that period to the present time a sum, very little varying from the exact interest, being sometimes 5*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* and sometimes 5*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.*, and of late years 5*l.* 8*s.* appears to have been annually distributed. It is presumed that the difference between the 4*l.* and the exact interest due upon the stock purchased with the 100*l.* was distributed amongst the surplus moneys. The distribution has been to poor persons of the parish, varying in number, and in sums of different amounts.

BENJAMIN BRISTOW'S GIFT.

In the churchwarden's accounts for 1765, it appears that a sum of 30*l.* was received from Mrs. Bristow, left by her late husband, Mr. Benjamin Bristow, the interest arising thereon to be paid to the rector. Mr. Bristow's gift is among the number of those already enumerated in Brayne's charity, as invested in the purchase of 634*l.* 2*s.*, where it is stated to produce an interest of 1*l.* 12*s.* 4¼*d.*

The sum actually distributed under this gift, as appears by the churchwarden's books, is 1*l.* 4*s.*, being 1*l.* 1*s.* to the clergyman, 2*s.* to the clerk, and 1*s.* to the sexton; and the difference between that sum, and the actual amount of the stock purchased with his gift, being 8*s.* 4¼*d.*, is regularly accounted for in the same manner as the above-mentioned gift of Thomas Brayne.

Search has been made in the Consistory Court of Bristol, and at Doctor's Commons, for the will of Benjamin Bristow, but without success.

MRS. ELIZABETH BRISTOW'S CHARITIES.

Elizabeth Bristow, late of the city of Bristol, by her will, dated 8th November, 1766, gave to the churchwardens for the time being of the parish of St. Michael, the sum of 30*l.* in trust, to pay the interest thereof to the minister for the time being of the said parish of St. Michael, for a sermon to be preached in the said church on Christmas day, in the afternoon, yearly, for ever; and she gave to the said churchwardens for the time being the further sum of 30*l.* in trust, to lay out the interest thereof in bread, to be distributed after the said sermon, to the poor of the said parish of St. Michael, on Christmas-day aforesaid, yearly, for ever.

In the churchwarden's book for 1766, the sum of 30*l.* is stated to have been received of Mr. Bence, executor to the late Mrs. Bristow, deceased, being a legacy left by her to the churchwardens for the time being, the interest arising therefrom to be paid to the rector of the parish, for preaching a sermon on Christmas-day, in the afternoon, for ever.

Mrs. Bristow's gift is also among the number of those already enumerated in Brayne's case, as invested in the purchase of 634*l.* 2*s.*, four per cent. consols. Her gift is there stated to be 60*l.*, which is composed of the two several sums of 30*l.* The interest of the 60*l.* is 3*l.* 4*s.* 9¼*d.*, the half of which is to be referred to the above-mentioned sum of 30*l.* for a sermon, viz. 1*l.* 12*s.* 4¼*d.*

The sum actually distributed under this gift, as appears by the churchwarden's books, is 1*l.* 4*s.*, being 1*l.* 1*s.* to the clergyman, 2*s.* to the clerk, and 1*s.* to the sexton; and the difference between that sum, and the actual amount of the sum purchased with her gift, being 8*s.* 4¼*d.*, is accounted for in the same manner as Thomas Brayne's above reported.

The interest of the other half of the said 60*l.*, being 1*l.* 12*s.* 4¼*d.*, is distributed in bread, and included under the general bread distribution hereafter-mentioned.

MRS. ANN WHITTON'S CHARITY.

The receipt of this donation appears in the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1765 in the following terms:—

"By cash of Mr. Whitton, executor to Mrs. Ann Whitton, deceased, a legacy left to the churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, for the time being, to be by them put out at interest, on the best security they can get, and the interest arising therefrom to be paid yearly to the poor of the said parish for ever, 20*l.*"

This gift forms a part of the aggregate sum of 470*l.* mentioned in Brayne's charity. The stock answering to Mrs. Ann Whitton's 20*l.* there appears to be 26*l.* 19*s.* 7¾*d.*, and the interest 1*l.* 1*s.* 7¼*d.* The sum of 16*s.* appears in the churchwarden's books to have been distributed through a considerable period of time down to 1808. From that time to 1815, no distribution of this sum specifically and by name is found; but from time to time appropriations of moneys have been made, arising out of donations, which may probably have included this of Mrs. Ann Whitton's. From the year last-mentioned, there is no account given of any distribution of surplus moneys, or of any distributions under any general head, which can be supposed to comprise this gift; so that, for any thing that appears to the contrary, this annual sum of 1*l.* 1*s.* 7¼*d.* has been in arrear from thence to the present time; but the expediency and propriety of making a specific distribution of this sum in future to the poor of the parish, according to Mrs. Ann Whitton's will, has been suggested to the vestry of St. Michael, and acquiesced in by them.

THOMAS DYMOCK'S GIFT.

By an extract from Thomas Dymock's will, dated 27th January, 1775, it appears that the said testator gave to the churchwardens for the time being, of the parish of St. Michael, in Bristol, to be paid at the expiration of two years from his decease, the sum of 50*l.* to be placed out at interest, and the interest thereof to be paid to the treasurer for the time being of the charity school, for the education and clothing of boys then kept in the said parish, to be applied to the use of the said charity school; but if the said charity school should at any time thereafter cease to be kept up, then his will was, that such churchwardens should pay and apply the interest of the said sum of 50*l.* to and to the use of poor widows of the said parish not receiving alms, on St. Thomas's-day, for ever.

By the churchwarden's accounts, in March, 1777, it appears that Mr. Dymock's legacy of 50*l.*, which had been lent to the Copper Company, was repaid to Joseph Rigge, junior, the then churchwarden.

The same legacy of 50*l.* was among those enumerated in the case of Thomas Brayne, above reported; the amount purchased with this 50*l.* being 67*l.* 9*s.* 1¾*d.*, and the dividend thereon 2*l.* 13*s.* 11¼*d.* This is always paid to the treasurer of the school, for the use of the school.

NELME ROGERS'S CHARITY.

The parish has no other document relating to this donation, earlier than the notice taken of it in the churchwarden's accounts for 1777, where, in a statement of sundry gifts lent to the Copper Company, upon their note, this of Nelme Rogers occurs; and it is there said to be a gift of 50*l.* by Nelme Rogers, who left the interest thereof to be given at the pleasure of the minister and the vestry.

This was also one of the gifts mentioned in Brayne's charity. The stock answering to Mr. Nelme Rogers's gift was 67*l.* 9*s.* 1¾*d.*, producing an interest of 2*l.* 13*s.* 11¼*d.*

This sum appears by the gift-book to have been regularly distributed to poor persons varying in number, in small sums of different amounts; the names of the persons receiving the relief being regularly entered.

MRS. ELIZABETH BAYLEY'S GIFT.

In a codicil to the last will and testament of Elizabeth Bayley, of the city of Bristol, widow, which bears date the 12th day of February, 1772, and the codicil the 21st day of October, 1774, is contained as follows:—

"Whereas I, Elizabeth Bayley, of the city of Bristol, widow, did, by my last will and testament, bearing date the 12th of February, 1772, give unto the minister, churchwardens, and vestry of the parish of St. Michael, the sum of one hundred pounds for purposes therein named; I do by these presents revoke and disannul the said gift of one hundred pounds, and give only the sum of forty pounds; the interest to be applied to the following purpose; five and twenty shillings to the minister, for a sermon on St. Andrew's day, yearly, for ever, and the remainder to the clerk and sexton; and in all other respects I do hereby ratify and confirm my said will, and declare this present writing to be a codicil thereto."

It does not expressly appear in the churchwarden's accounts when Mrs. Elizabeth Bayley's gift was received; but as the list of gifts which were consolidated, and lent to the Copper company, at four per cent. interest, is mentioned in those accounts for the year 1779, folio 131, to have amounted to 430*l.*; and in the succeeding folio, the sum actually invested in the purchase of 634*l.* 2*s.* four per cent. stock, April 6, 1780, is there said to amount to 470*l.*; and this list of donors, whose gifts were so invested, includes Mrs. Elizabeth Bayley's gift of 40*l.*; we must suppose either that her gift had been omitted in the former list, or had been received in the interim. The amount of stock purchased by her gift in the four per cents. was 53*l.* 19*s.* 3¾*d.*, and the dividend arising therefrom was 2*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*; but it appears, from the churchwarden's accounts, that the sum actually paid for a sermon under Elizabeth Bayley's gift has been constantly 1*l.* 5*s.* with two additional payments of 3*s.* 6*d.* each to the clerk and sexton, making a total of 1*l.* 12*s.* The difference between the 1*l.* 12*s.* and 2*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*, being 11*s.* 2*d.*, is brought to account in the churchwarden's books for a considerable period, under a distinct head of surplus moneys, and appears to have been given away in general relief, or to make a part of the general balance.

ROBERT BRIDLE'S CHARITY.

The parish appears to be in possession of no document to show how this gift is derived, except an entry in the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1781, by which it is stated to have been received on the 25th of March, 1780, of the Rev. Dr. Bridle, the benefaction of Mr. Robert Bridle, 50*l.*

In the vestry book of this parish, page 181, there is the following minute:—

"Vestry-room, 17th December, 1782.

"At a meeting of vestry, this 17th day of December, 1782, it was agreed that the 50*l.* left to this parish by the late Robert Bridle, Esquire, the interest for the use of the poor of the said parish, to be given to five widows not receiving weekly alms; and the 50*l.* left to this parish by the late Mrs. Ann Hort, the interest for the use of the poor of the same parish, to be given in bread the 1st of January, in every year; and the 10*l.* 10*s.* left to this parish by the late Henry Muggleworth, the interest for the use of the poor of the said parish to be given, making in the whole the sum of 110*l.* 10*s.* should be laid out in the four per cent. consolidated annuities; and the said 110*l.* 10*s.* was this day paid to Mr.

Thomas Stretton, and Mr. William Daniell, two of the vestrymen for that purpose." And by a subsequent entry in the same book it appears, that at a meeting of the vestry, on the 6th March, 1783, Messrs. Thomas Stretton and William Daniell produced their account of the purchase of 141*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* stock in the four per cent consols, being the 110*l.* 10*s.* deposited with them the 17th December, 1782, for that purpose, which stock was bought at 77⅝ per cent, as per receipt delivered by them into the hands of Mr. John Kestell, the then churchwarden; to which is subjoined a statement, showing that the interest of the 141*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* stock was 5*l.* 12*s.* 10¾*d.*

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Mr. Bridle's	64	2	11	..... is	2	11	3¾
Ann Hort	64	2	11	..... is	2	11	3¾
Henry Muggleworth	12	16	7	..... is	0	10	3¼
	141	2	5		5	12	10¾

This stock of 141*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* forms part of the 910*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* mentioned in Brayne's case.

The interest of this donation so invested, 2*l.* 11*s.* 3¾*d.*, appears by the books to have been distributed among a varying number of poor persons, in small sums of different amounts; but, according to the entries of the persons receiving this benefaction, the intentions of the donor have not been strictly complied with, by confining the relief to widows; but we are promised that attention to this part of the donor's directions will be paid in future.

MRS. ANN HORT'S GIFT.

By an extract, in the possession of the parish, of the will of Mrs. Ann Hort, late of Bristol, widow, dated 3d March, 1766, it appears that the said testatrix gave to the minister and churchwardens for the time being of the parish of St. Michael, in the said city of Bristol, the sum of 50*l.* upon trust, that they and their successors, for ever, should place and continue the same at interest, and lay out the interest arising therefrom yearly, and every year for ever, in bread, and distribute the same on the first day in January yearly, for ever, amongst the poor of the said parish of St. Michael, as they in their discretion should judge proper, and to, for, and upon no other trust, use, or purpose whatsoever.

In the churchwarden's accounts for 1782, there is an entry of the receipt of this gift as follows:—

"By received of Mr. John Thomas, principal money, the gift of Mrs. Ann Hort ..... £ 50 0 0

"Which is followed by the receipt of the first half-year's interest £ 1 5 0"

This gift, together with those of Bridle and Muggleworth, was invested in four per cent. stock in the same year, as will appear by referring to Bridle's charity, above reported.

The annual interest to be accounted for upon this gift is 2*l.* 1 *s.* 3¾*d.*, which is covered by the general bread distribution.

HENRY MUGGLEWORTH'S GIFT.

Henry Muggleworth, late of the city of Bristol, Esquire, by his will, dated 15th June, 1782, gave as follows :—

"I give to the churchwardens of the several parishes of Wraxhall and Portbury, in the county of Somerset, and St. Augustine and St. Michael, in the said city of Bristol, the sum of ten pounds and ten shillings each, the interest whereof to be given in bread, yearly, for ever."

By referring to the account of Bridle's charity, it will be found that the sum of 10*l.* 10*s.* so left to this parish, was a part of the aggregate sum of 110*l.* 10*s.* laid out in the four per cents.

The stock answering to Henry Muggleworth's gift was 12*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.*, producing an interest of 10*s.* 3¼*d.*

The account given in the books, with respect to this charity, shows a regular payment down to 1805 ; from that time nothing specific occurs with respect to it, though it may, and probably was, included in occasional distributions of surplus moneys to the poor.

The vestry have agreed in the propriety of providing for the exact payment of this annuity in future, and making regular entries of it in the account books.

PHILIP FREEKE'S CHARITY.

Philip Freeke, by his will, made in the year 1733, as appears by a book of abstracts belonging to the parish of St. Michael, gave to the churchwardens and overseers of St. Michael, and to their successors, 60*l.* ; the interest to be applied towards educating three boys of the said parish in the school lately erected by the parishioners of the said parish and those of St. Augustine ; but if the said charity-school should cease, then the produce, on the 23d December, to be paid to such four poor mariners, parishioners, as the churchwardens and overseers should think fit ; and in case there should be no such mariners as should stand in need thereof, then to the widow or widows of poor mariners of the said parish, at the discretion of the said churchwardens and overseers.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1733, in which year Francis Pitts was churchwarden, it appears that the sum of 60*l.* was received of Mr. Brickdale, as the gift of Philip Freeke, Esquire ; and, at the bottom of the page, the succeeding churchwarden, Thomas Prewett, acknowledges the payment over of the said sum to him, in the following terms :—

"Received, this 3d of July, 1734, of Captain Francis Pitts, the two gifts of Thomas Moore, Esquire, 50*l.* and Philip Freeke, Esquire, of 60*l.* accounted as above, amounting to 110*l.* to the poor of the parish of St. Michael."

Of this sum various investments were made, by lending the same from time to time on private securities, on interest; till, in the year 1760, it was laid out, together with other sums, as below enumerated, in the purchase of 475*l.* 15*s.* four per cents, which is stated, in the same account book, to have been purchased by Thomas Fane, Esquire, with the undermentioned gift-money; videlicet:—

	£.	s.	d.
Richard Percival	100	0	0
Philip Freeke	60	0	0
John Williams	10	0	0
Richard Gravatt	10	0	0
Elizabeth Neville	50	0	0
Peter Davies	150	0	0
Thomas Moore	50	0	0
	430	0	0

In 1781, these four per cents were reduced, by the expiration of the term for which that stock was to carry four per cent, to three per cents; which stock is now standing in the names of Richard Brickdale Ward, Thomas Lansdown, George Rogers, and Neast Greville Prideaux, affording the reduced dividends upon the said sums to the following amounts:—

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Mr. Percival's	100	0	0	to	3	6	3¼
Mr. Freeke's	60	0	0	to	1	19	9¼
John Williams's	10	0	0	to	0	6	7¾
Elizabeth Neville's	50	0	0	to	1	13	1¾
Richard Gravatt's	10	0	0	to	0	6	7¾
Peter Davis's	150	0	0	to	4	19	4¾
Thomas Moore's	50	0	0	to	1	13	1½
				Making in all	14	5	0

The churchwarden's book shows that, down to the year 1781, the sum annually paid upon Mr. Freeke's gift was 2*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*; and from that time the sum yearly accounted for, upon the same gift, is 1*l.* 19*s.* 9¼*d.*, which is regularly paid to the treasurer of the charity-school of St. Michael's and St. Augustine's, but with no appropriation of it to any particular scholars.

CAPTAIN JOHN WILLIAMS'S CHARITY.

The parish has not the will of Captain John Williams, nor any other document, except the churchwarden's book of accounts, to show the amount or the objects of this

donation. In those accounts, for the year 1723, there is an entry to the following effect :—

"By Captain Williams, his gift to the poor, 10*l.* and half a year's interest, 5*s.* ..... £ 10 5 0"

It appears, by the same accounts for the year 1735, that the 10*l.* together with sundry other gifts, amounting together to 130*l.*, was vested on the security of John Elbridge's bond to the churchwardens; the entry is in the following terms :—

"To balance paid the succeeding churchwarden, William Whitton :—
60*l.* the gift of Philip Freeke, Esquire .....
50*l.* the gift of Thomas Moore, Esquire .....
10*l.* the gift of Captain John Williams; and ..... £ 130 0 0"
10*l.* the gift of Richard Gravatt, Esquire; which make ..
130*l.*; for which money John Elbridge, Esquire, gave his bond to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor and their successors .....

And, underneath the said entry, it is written thus :—

"The said bond is in the hands of the Reverend Mr. Jocham."

This sum of 10*l.* the gift of John Williams, formed part of the 430*l.* which, in the year 1760, was laid out in the purchase of 475*l.* 15*s.* four per cents, and which four per cents were, in the year 1781, reduced to three per cents, as mentioned in the case already reported of Philip Freeke's charity. It there appears, that the dividend answering to this gift of John Williams was 6*s.* 7¾*d.*

Until the year last aforesaid, the payment upon this gift was 8*s.* 10*d.*; but from the time of such reduction of the four to three per cents, the interest applied under this donation has been the above annual sum of 6*s.* 7¾*d.*

The application of this will appear by the statement hereafter given of the general bread distribution.

It is subsequently stated in the said book (p. 77), that this gift, among others, was to be distributed in bread; and in the following page, in recording this gift, it is added, that it was to be to such as the parish officers should think the fittest objects.

Search has been made in the Consistory Court of Bristol, and at Doctors Commons, for the will of John Williams, but without success.

ELIZABETH NEVILLE'S CHARITY.

Elizabeth Neville, by her will, dated 4th February, 1745, gave and bequeathed unto the churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, the sum of 50*l.* to be by them put out at interest, and the interest thereof to be paid to poor persons, not receiving alms, on the 4th October, and 22d February, yearly, for ever.

This gift of 50*l.* was one of those mentioned in Philip Freeke's case, composing the sum of 430*l.*, and therein stated to have been invested in the purchase of 475*l.* 15*s.* four per cents., which four per cents. were afterwards reduced to three per cents. as therein mentioned.

The dividend arising from the stock answering to Elizabeth Neville's gift is 1*l.* 13*s.* 1¾*d.* This interest, according to the churchwarden's books, is annually distributed to poor persons, not receiving parish pay, in small sums of different amounts, and to a varying number of persons.

PETER DAVIS'S CHARITY.

Peter Davis, of Bristol, Esquire, by his last will dated 12th May, 1749, amongst other legacies, gave unto such persons as should be churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of St. Michael at the time of his decease, the sum of 150*l.*, to the intent that the same might be by them and their successors so managed and disposed of at interest, that the interest thereof might yearly, for ever, be paid and applied in manner following; viz. that thirty shillings of such interest should be yearly paid to the rector or vicar of the said parish for the time being, in consideration of his preaching a sermon in the church of that parish, by candle-light, on the first day of March, yearly for ever; that 40*s.* more of such interest should be yearly laid out in twelvepenny and sixpenny loaves, to be distributed to and amongst the poor who should attend the preaching of the said sermon, (the poor housekeepers of the said parish, not receiving constant alms, to have the preference in the distribution of that charity); that 12*s.* 6*d.* more of such interest should be yearly laid out and expended in candles for lighting the said church at the time the said sermon should be preached and bread distributed; that 5*s.* more thereof should be paid to the clerk, and 2*s.* 6*d.* to the sexton of the said parish, yearly, in consideration of their attending on the said occasion; and he directed that the remainder of such interest moneys should be yearly, for ever, laid out in twelvepenny and sixpenny loaves, and be distributed and given to and amongst the poor of the said parish of St. Michael, not receiving constant alms, on the day of his death, yearly, for ever.

At the bottom of the said extract of the will, there is an account of the distribution made of this charity, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
" £150. at 3½ per cent. is	5	5	0
" Distributed, as viz.			
" To the rector for preaching a sermon	1	10	0
" To candles to light the church	0	12	6
" To bread in 12*d.* and 6*d.* loaves to poor housekeepers after the sermon	2	0	0
" To the clerk for their attendance	0	5	0
" To the sexton for their attendance	0	2	6
" To bread in 12*d.* and 6*d.* loaves to poor housekeepers on the 17th day of " June, being the day of his death	0	15	0
	£5	5	0"

The first mention of this gift occurs in the list of gifts contained in the churchwarden's accounts for 1751, making together the sum of 330*l.*

In the succeeding page of the same book, it is one of the same list, with the addition of Mr. Richard Percival's gift of 100*l.* making a total of 430*l.*, for which Francis Brown gives his note of hand, dated September 20th, 1752, at 3*l.* 10*s.* per cent. In the page last mentioned, there occurs the following item on the debtor's side of the account :—

"To paid the Rev. Mr. Culliford for preaching Mr. Davis's sermon, 1*l.* 10*s.*; to paid the clerk, 5*s.*; the sexton 2*s.* 6*d.* for attendance;" together, 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

This sum of 150*l.*, as will be seen by referring to the Report concerning Philip Freeke's gift, made a part of the 430*l.* there stated to have been invested in the purchase of 475*l.* 15*s.* four per cents, in which case it appears, that those four per cents were afterwards reduced by the expiration of the term for which that stock was to carry four per cent. interest to three per cents, producing a dividend upon the sum corresponding to this gift, of 4*l.* 19*s.* 4¾*d.* It is observable, that the actual payment for the sermon, clerk, and sexton, amounts to 1*l.* 17*s* 6*d.*; and the dividends upon the stock, answering to that specific gift is 4*l.* 19*s.* 4¾*d.*, leaving a surplus of 3*l.* 1*s.* 10¾*d.*, which surplus was, it is apprehended, distributed in bread; but this cannot be known by any particular statement or charge in the churchwarden's accounts. The amount, however, of this surplus seems accounted for in the consolidated distribution of bread gifts in this parish. The directions of the testator being very particular throughout, and making it appear that the attendance at church, and the distribution of bread, were combined in his view, we recommended to the vestry a strict regard to his wishes in this respect.

RICHARD PERCIVAL'S GIFT.

In the abstract book of St. Michael's parish, under the head of Extracts of Wills, is contained the following entry :—

"Richard Percival, by will, gave to the poor of St. Michael's, 100*l.*, the interest to be distributed among seven or more poor housekeepers of the said parish, not receiving weekly alms, on the 30th June, yearly, but no one to receive more than 10*s.* or less than 5*s.*, according as a majority of vestry shall appoint." The following letter upon this subject was also produced to us :—

"Bristol, October 1st, 1751.

"To the Churchwardens and Vestry of St. Michael's parish, in the city of Bristol.

"Gentlemen,

"The 100*l.* given by Mr. Richard Percival, to the use of the poor of your parish, is to be applied in the following manner, to wit. The annual income, thereof, is yearly to be distributed on the 30th day of June, amongst seven or more poor housekeepers of your parish, not receiving weekly alms, but so that no one of them shall receive more than 10*s.* or less than 5*s.*; and this money is to be given according as a majority of you shall judge it most useful.

"Signed, for Mr. JOSEPH PERCIVAL,
"JOHN HAYLYN."

This sum was one among the gifts, making up the total of 430*l.* invested in the purchase of four per cents, afterwards reduced to three per cents., as mentioned in Freeke's charity. It produces an interest of 3*l.* 6*s.* 3¼*d.*

It appears by this book, that this charity has been literally carried into effect, according to the donor's directions; an annual sum of 3*l.* 6*s.* 3¼*d.* having been distributed in sums not exceeding 10*s.*, nor less than 5*s.*, to poor persons not receiving parish pay, except that it is to be observed, that the books do not specify that the persons receiving the benefit of this charity are housekeepers. This part of the donor's directions, the vestry have agreed to carry into future effect.

RICHARD GRAVATT'S GIFT.

The gift of 10*l.* of which there is no other document than the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1735, thereby appears to have been then received by the parish; and by reference to the above account of Philip Freeke's charity, it will be seen that it made a part of the 430*l.*, there stated to have been invested in the purchase of 475*l.* 15*s.* four per cents. The dividend answering to Richard Gravatt's gift there appears to be 6*s.* 7¾*d.*

According to the accounts of Mr. Samuel Whitchurch, churchwarden for the year 1785, the interest of this gift was to be spent by the vestry.

THOMAS MOORE'S CHARITY.

By indenture, dated 24th June, 1731, between John Elbridge, of the city of Bristol, Esq., executor of the last will and testament of Thomas Moore, late of Bristol, Esq., deceased, and a devisee named in the said will, and Thomas Longman, of the same city, merchant, devisee, also named in the said will, of the first part; John Dollman and and William Stretton, churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, in the said city, and Thomas Emery and William Miller, churchwardens of the parish of St. Peter, in the same city, of the second part; and Thomas Jones, of the said city, of the third part; reciting, that the said Thomas Moore, at the time of his death, was seised, possessed, and interested, of and in all those two messuages or tenements adjoining together, situate on St. James's Back, in the said city, then in the possession of James Hughes and his under-tenants, for the remainder of a certain term of 300 years, granted by John Roome to Thomas Turner, and William Tristram, by indenture, dated 23d June, 13 Car. I; and that, being so possessed, he, the said Thomas Moore, did by his last will, dated in 1724, amongst other things, give and devise the said messuages or tenements, with their appurtenances, unto the said John Elbridge and Thomas Longman, their heirs and assigns, for ever, upon

trust, that they and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivor, should for ever thereafter permit and suffer the rents and profits of the same premises to be had and received by the persons following, videlicit; one moiety or half part thereof by the churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael aforesaid, and the other moiety or half part by the churchwardens of the said parish of St. Peter; and that it was his will, that the churchwardens for the time being, of the said several parishes, should lay out and employ the rents and profits of the said messuages and tenements, in clothing as many poor men in the said respective parishes as they could do with the same, and to be given to such poor men on St. Thomas's-day, yearly, for ever; and reciting, that the said John Elbridge, and Thomas Longman, being desirous of fulfilling the will of the said Thomas Moore, as much as in them lay, were willing to grant such and the same estate and interest, as appeared then to be in them for the purposes therein mentioned; and reciting further that the said messuages and premises, being old and ruinous, and out of repair, and liable continually to great expenses in repairs, the said John Elbridge and Thomas Longman had agreed, by consent of the said churchwardens respectively of the said two parishes, to demise and grant the said premises to the said Thomas Jones, for the term, and under the yearly rents and covenants, therein mentioned; it is witnessed, that for and in consideration of the yearly rent and covenants thereinafter reserved and contained they, the said John Elbridge and Thomas Longman, with such consent as aforesaid, demised unto the said Thomas Jones, his executors, administrators, and assigns, all those the said two messuages or tenements above-mentioned, to hold the same to them from the day before the date thereof, for the term of 200 years from thence next ensuing, yielding and paying therefore every year during the said term, unto the churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael aforesaid, for the time being, the yearly rent or sum of 4*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, at the times therein mentioned, and paying the same rent, at the same time, to the parish of St. Peter, to the uses and intents mentioned in the said last will of the said Thomas Moore; and the said Thomas Jones did thereby covenant for himself, his executors, administrators and assigns, amongst other things, that in case he should pull down and rebuild the said premises at his and their own proper costs and charges, well and sufficiently to support, uphold, amend, maintain, and keep, all and singular the said premises, all such new erected buildings, and every part thereof, in good and sufficient repair, and so to leave the same at the determination of the said term, with liberty for the lessees to enter upon the premises, twice in the year, to see to the said repairs.

It appears, by the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1730, that the same Thomas Moore gave also a sum of 50*l.* to this parish, for a similar purpose. The receipt is entered in the following terms:—

"By the gift of Thomas Moore, Esq., to the poor of this parish, the profit thereof in clothing for poor housekeepers, to be given by the churchwardens, on the 4th day of January; received of Mr. John Newman ..... £50."

By referring to the above account of Philip Freeke's charity, it will be found that this gift of 50*l.* by Thomas Moore composed, with other the gifts therein mentioned, the sum of 430*l.* which was laid out in the year 1760, in the purchase of 475*l.* 15*s.* four per cents., afterwards reduced to three per cents., as therein is mentioned. The dividend, as appears by the same case, answering to this gift, is 1*l.* 13*s.* 1½*d.* This sum, added to

the above-mentioned rent of *4l. 7s. 6d.*, makes a sum of *6l. 0s. 7½d.*, which appears by the books to be annually distributed in coats and cloaks, the same books exhibiting a list of the persons receiving this benefaction.

THOMAS JONES'S GIFT.

THE only document which could be produced, to show the origin of this donation, was a minute of the vestry, dated 24th January, 1785, which is as follows :—

"At a meeting held this day, agreeably to summons, to dispose of a legacy left by Thomas Jones, Esquire, the copy of which is produced, and is entered at foot—

"Item, I give and bequeath unto the churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, in the city of Bristol, the sum of 100*l.* upon trust, that the said churchwardens shall put and place out at interest, for ever, the said sum of 100*l.*, and shall yearly and every year pay the interest of the same to the poor of the said parish, according to their discretion.

"It is agreed, that the said 100*l.* be paid to Messrs. Daniell and Stretton, in whose names the other moneys are placed in the funds, for them to purchase into the same stock; and the same was paid accordingly."

In the churchwarden's accounts for 1786, there is an entry in the following terms :—

"By cash from Messrs. Stretton and Daniell, trustees for the following sums :—

£	s.	7.	
" 775	4	6	in the 4 per cent. bank annuities purchased as per former account, and
" 135	3	0	in ditto ..... Mr. Jones's legacy as aforesaid.
"£910	7	6"	

By which it appears, that this donation of Mr. Jones formed part of the 910*l. 7s. 6d.* referred to in Braine's charity.

The annual income answering to this gift would be *5l. 8s. 2d.*, which appears, by the books, to be annually distributed to poor persons in the parish, varying in number, in small sums of different amounts, the names being enumerated in the gift books.

MRS. DAY'S GIFT.

THE following is an extract of the will of Elizabeth Addison Day, of the city of Bristol, spinster, dated 5th October, 1811 :—

"I give to the minister and churchwardens, for the time being, of the parish of St. Michael, Bristol, the sum of 20*l.* to be paid out of my chattels, personal, upon trust, to lay out the interest thereof in bread, to be given to the poor of the said parish every year, on the fourth day of June."

This 20*l.* was received by Mr. Goolden, the late churchwarden, subject to a deduction of 2*l.* for the legacy duty, on the 4th June, 1822; and the sum of 18*l.* has been invested in the purchase of 22*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.* stock, in the three per cent. reduced annuities, in the names of Messrs. Richard Brickdale Ward, Thomas Lansdown, George Rogers, and Neast Greville Prideaux, being the same persons in whose names the sum of 475*l.* 15*s.* stock, in the same annuities, is already invested, making a total in their names of 497*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.* The income of this 22*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.* (viz.) 13*s.* 7*d.* is intended to be distributed according to the directions of the testatrix.

JOSEPH WAKELEY'S GIFT.

By an indenture, dated 14th November, 1793, made between Thomas Symons, (clerk to the trustees under the act for building Bristol bridge), of the first part; George Wilkins, Richard Edwards, and Rachel Righton, of the second part; and William Lucas and Thomas Edwards the younger, churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, of the third part; it is witnessed, that in consideration of the sum of 31*l.* 5*s.* to James Vaughan, Richard Vaughan, Jeremy Baker, Robert Smith, William Hole, and Abraham Davis, (treasurers to the said trustees), by the said William Lucas, and Thomas Edwards, paid, in trust, as therein-mentioned, and of 5*s.* to the said Thomas Symons, by the said William Lucas, and Thomas Edwards, he, the said Thomas Symons, did grant, remise, and release unto the said William Lucas, and Thomas Edwards, and to their heirs, and assigns, a yearly fee-farm rent of 1*l.* 5*s.* reserved upon and issuing and payable out of a piece or parcel of ground, messuage, or tenement, erected thereon, and hereditaments, situate in the parish of St. Thomas, in the city of Bristol, being part of overplus ground, purchased by the said Thomas Symons, in trust, for the said bridge trustees, and being the second lot from Bristol bridge, of the said overplus ground, containing in front, towards Bath-street, twenty feet, to hold unto and to the use of the said William Lucas, and Thomas Edwards, their heirs, and assigns, for ever, in trust, and to and for and upon the several uses, trusts, and purposes, particularly mentioned, expressed, and declared, concerning a yearly sum of 1*l.* 5*s.*, in and by the last will and testament of Joseph Wakeley, formerly of the said city of Bristol, skinner, deceased, (viz.) for the preaching of a sermon, yearly, in the afternoon of Good Friday, for ever, in the parish church of St. Michael; out of which sum of 1*l.* 5*s.* the minister of the said parish, for the time being, was to have 21*s.*, the clerk 2*s.* 6*d.*, and the sexton 1*s.* 6*d.*

The will of Joseph Wakeley has been searched for in the Consistory Court of Bristol and at Doctors' Commons, but not found in either place.

The first mention in the churchwarden's books of the payment of Mr. Wakeley's gift is for the year 1732, page 27, and is thus:—

"To Mr. Joseph Wakeley's gift sermon, paid by Mrs. Wakeley, 1*l.* 5*s.*"

This 1*l.* 5*s.* appears by the same book to be continued as an item in the churchwarden's church accounts, to the year 1736. Although the name of Joseph Wheatley

appears in a list of gift sermons, kept by the sexton, as the donor of a gift of 1*l.* 5*s.* for a sermon, to be preached on the evening of Good Friday, neither the sexton nor the minister has received this gift, since the present sexton's appointment to the office. The list kept by the sexton contains a note of the several persons from whom the several gifts are received; but there is a blank opposite the name of Mr. Wheatley. It has since been ascertained, that Mr. Robert Tripp is the owner of the house in Bath-street, No. 28, out of which this rent issues, who has been in possession of it these two years past; and, since he has been in such possession, he has not paid this rent; but has now undertaken to make it good, for such time as Mr. Knight has been incumbent, and to make the payments regularly in future.

Mr. Tripp afterwards sent us, for our satisfaction, a receipt, of which the following is a copy;—

"Bristol, October 19, 1822.

"Received of Mr. Robert Tripp, the sum of five pounds, for balance of quit rent, due on the 29th September last.

(Signed) "W. KNIGHT."

RICHARD HAYNES'S GIFT.

By a deed poll, bearing date 1st October, 1713, Richard Haynes, Esquire, gave and granted unto Samuel Payne, M. A., Benjamin Willoughby, and Anthony Clark, gent., being the rector and churchwardens of the parish church of St. Michael, and their successors respectively, for ever, one yearly rent-charge of 10*s.* issuing out of all that close of ground called Sandy Acre, lying on the north side of a lane leading from Charlton field to the Knoll in Charlton, in the parish of Henbury, in the county of Gloucester, containing two acres, to hold the said annuity upon trust, to be applied to the use of the said Samuel Payne, and his successors, the ministers and rectors of the said parish, for preaching a sermon in the said church, on the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, yearly, for ever, to begin at four or five of the clock in the afternoon, immediately after divine service or prayers, according to the rites and ceremonies of the church of England.

The rector receives 10*s.* per annum in respect of this gift from Timothy Powell, Esq. through the hands of the sexton. Mr. Powell pays the same, in respect of the land in question.

JOHN TYLER'S GIFT.

John Tyler, of the city of Bristol, gentleman, by his will, dated 26th February, 1747, gave to his cousin, Joan Skey, for the term of her natural life, his two houses in the

parish of St. Michael, in the city of Bristol, that he then lately bought of the trustees for the late Mr. Thomas Holmes's estate, and then in the occupation of Mrs. Susannah Stubbs, spinster, and Mrs. Beata Dolman, widow, as his tenants; and he did thereby charge the said house, then in the occupation of the said Mrs. Susannah Stubbs, with the payment of 20*s.* a year for ever, to and for the trusts and purposes thereinafter-mentioned (that was to say,) to the minister for the time being of the parish of St. Michael, in the city of Bristol, 15*s.* yearly, part of the said yearly sum of 20*s.* for reading prayers, according to the usage of the church of England, and preaching a sermon in the defence of the divinity of our blessed Saviour, on every fifth day of April, for ever, in the church of the above said parish. He also gave 5*s.* yearly, the remaining part of the said yearly sum of 20*s.* equally to be divided betwixt the clerk and sexton, for the time being, of the said parish, for ringing and tolling the great bell, from nine to ten o'clock in the morning of the said day, and their attendance on the minister during the time of service.

And Richard Tyler, of the city of Bristol, gentleman, by his will, dated 30th August, 1749, after reciting that his late brother, John Tyler, had, in and by his last will and testament, bearing date the 26th day of February, 1747, given and devised as above-mentioned, did declare it to be his (the said testator Richard Tyler's) will and intention, that the said yearly payment of 20*s.* should be duly and punctually paid out of the said house, for ever, for the purpose in his said brother's will expressed and declared, and that his son John Tyler, therein-before-named, should, within twelve months next after he should attain unto his age of twenty-one years, by effectual ways and means in the law, at his charge, secure and confirm the perpetual payment thereof; and in case he should happen to die before he should attain unto that age, that the person or persons who, on his dying before he should attain unto that age, should be entitled to his the said testator's residuary estate, should in like manner, within two months next after his, her, or their becoming so entitled, by the like effectual ways and means in the law, and at his, her, or their charge, secure and confirm the perpetual payment thereof; and in case his said son, or the person or persons who, on his death, before his attaining the age of one-and-twenty years, should and would, under that his will, be entitled to his said residuary estate, should within the said space of time refuse or neglect so to do, then the said testator did thereby give unto the minister and churchwardens of the said parish of St. Michael, for the time being, the sum of 25*l.* to be by them laid out in such manner as they should think fit, to answer his said late brother's intention concerning the said allotment of the said yearly sum of 20*s.*

As this gift is not paid to the churchwardens, no mention of it appears in their accounts; but it has been ascertained, by reference to the sexton and to the minister, that a sum of 15*s.* charged upon a house on St. Michael's-hill, in the occupation of Mr. Wright, to whom the property is said to have been sold by John Tyler, the son of Richard, is received of Mrs. Wright, as the gift of John Tyler, Esquire, for a sermon, annually, on the 5th of April, and as such is paid to the minister; also, that the annual sum of 5*s.* in respect of the said bequest, is divided between the clerk and sexton.

MRS. THOMASINE HARRINGTON'S GIFT.

THOMASINE HARRINGTON, widow of Mr. George Harrington, of Bristol, alderman, by her will, dated 5th October, 1640, gave and bequeathed to the parish of St. Michael, in Bristol, the sum of 52*s.* per annum, to be paid unto the poor of the said parish, 12*d.* in bread weekly, to begin the 4th October, 1640, and so to continue every Sunday in the year, for ever, to be paid by the chamber of the city, according to a valuable proportion to be committed to it in that behalf.

It appears, by the second of three several indentures, dated 17th Charles I., (two years after the date of the above will,) referred to in our account of Thomasine Harrington's gift, in the reports of the corporation charities, (*see* Sixth Report, page 531,)* that the said Thomasine Harrington paid the sum of 52*l.* into the chamber of Bristol, in consideration of which the mayor, commonalty, and chamberlain, covenanted that they would yearly pay the sum of 52*s.* to the churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, to be distributed in bread among the poor of the said parish, on every Sabbath-day, weekly, for ever, one shilling's worth of bread to be brought into the parish church of St. Michael's aforesaid before the beginning of morning prayers, and put in some convenient place, and there remain until after the ending of morning prayer, and also of the morning sermon, when any, and then to be given to some poor people of the parish, at the discretion of the churchwardens.

We find, from the books of receipts belonging to the chamber, that this sum has been annually paid to the churchwardens of this parish, from the commencement of the charity to this time, and the entries in the books of the parish show that the sum of 2*l.* 12*s.* has been annually distributed under Mrs. Thomasine Harrington's gift, together with the other bread gifts.

THOMAS FARMER'S CHARITY.

BY indenture, dated 18th November, 1669, and made between Ralph Farmer of Bristol, executor of the last will of Thomas Farmer, of Bristol, deceased, his brother, of the first part; Edward Smith, of the parish of St. Michael, Bristol, of the second part; and Jonathan Blackwell, Esq., and other persons therein-named, of the third part; reciting, that the said Edward Smith was seised of the messuages and tenements thereinafter-mentioned; and that the said Thomas Farmer did, by his last will, give unto the parish of St. Michael 50*s.* yearly, for ever, to be given in bread or coals, as should seem best to the vestrymen and overseers of the poor of the said parish; and that to the end that the good and charitable intention of the said Thomas Farmer, towards the relief and comfort of the poor of the said parish, expressed in his said will, might be for ever thereafter observed,

* *Vide* vol. i. p 95.

and not perverted, or buried in oblivion, the said Ralph Farmer had agreed to pay the said Edward Smith 50*l.* in lieu of the said annuity of 50*s.* thereafter-mentioned to be granted: It is witnessed, that the said Edward Smith, in consideration of the sum of 50*l.*, did grant unto the said Jonathan Blackwell, and others, one yearly rent-charge of 50*s.* to be issuing out of all those his two messuages and tenements adjoining, together with a back-side to each, situate in a certain place, called Lewin's-Mead, within the said parish, between a messuage in the holding of William Hodges, on the northward part, and a messuage or tenement of William Rogers, on the southward part, and extending from the said street forwards, on the westward part, unto the river of Froome, there backwards, on the eastward part; to hold and enjoy the said yearly rent-charge of 50*s.* to the said Jonathan Blackwell, and others, their executors, &c. from the day of the date thereof, for the term of 5,000 years, upon trust, that they, the said Jonathan Blackwell, and others, their executors, &c., should pay over the same to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish, to be by them distributed to and amongst the said poor in bread or coals, with the usual powers and remedies for enforcing payment of the said rent-charge.

This rent-charge of 50*s.*, by the churchwardens' accounts, appears to have been received, in the year 1821, from Mrs. Watkins, of Dighton-street, and is there said to be issuing out of two houses in Narrow Lewin's-Mead, and to have become due on the 25th of March, of that year; and frequent mention of the payment of it occurs in the same accounts; but as no distinct application of it is stated in any of the books, it must be considered, if accounted for at all, as included in the general bread distribution.

MRS. JOAN LANGTON'S CHARITY.

By indenture, dated 10th October, 1664, between Giles Earl, of the city of Bristol, Francis Vaughan, of Wrington, in the county of Somerset, and Thomas Langton of the city of Bristol, surviving executors of the last will of Joan Langton, widow, of the one part; and John Saul, the elder, Richard Beaton, the elder, William Sperring, Richard Hallon, and others, feoffees of the messuages and hereditaments belonging to the parish church of St. Michael, Bristol, of the other part; reciting that the said Joan Langton had given and devised to her executors, their heirs and assigns, for ever, all that garden ground and lodge therein, lying and being in the said parish of St. Michael, bounded with the lane leading to Stony-hill, on the one side, and the garden ground, then in the holding of Mr. Haggatt, on the other side, and extending itself from the steps there leading up to St. Michael's church forwards, unto the garden ground, in the holding of the said Mr. Haggatt, backwards; upon trust, that the rents and profits thereof should be from time to time paid over to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of St. Michael, for the time being, to be by them laid out in bread, to be on every Lord's day, weekly, distributed to and amongst such of the poor people, of the same parish, as the said churchwardens and overseers should think fit to receive the same, in such manner as bread, given to poor people in other parishes of Bristol, was or had been customarily given and disposed of; and that her will was, that her said executors should, as soon as conveniently might be

after her death, convey the said garden ground and lodge unto such persons, and their heirs, as should be feoffees of the lands and hereditaments belonging to the said parish, upon the trusts aforesaid ; and that the said testatrix made Joseph Jackson, then deceased, and the said Giles Earle, Francis Vaughan, and Thomas Langton, her executors: It is witnessed, that the said Giles Earle, Francis Vaughan, and Thomas Langton, in pursuance of the said trust, for the nominal consideration therein-mentioned, granted, enfeoffed, and confirmed, unto the said John Saul, and others, of the second part, all the said premises in the said will mentioned ; to hold the same to them, and their heirs, upon trust, that they, and the survivors and survivor of them, and his heirs and assigns, should from time to time, for ever, pay over the rents and profits of the same premises, to such persons as should be churchwardens and overseers of the parish of St. Michael, to be by them distributed and laid out in bread, for the relief of the poor people of the same parish, according to the will of the said Joan Langton.

These premises have been brought down by mesne conveyances to the present feoffees.

It appears that the limits of this property afterwards fell into some confusion ; and that, in the year 1769, by an award, made on the 28th day of April, in that year, stating that certain disputes had arisen between Richard Walker, therein described, and the churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, concerning the right of property in the garden ground and lodge thereon, which the ancient feoffees of the said parish had granted for a term of 99 years determinable for three lives, and for an absolute term of 40 years after the death of the last life, which garden ground was then in the possession of the said Richard Walker; all which disputes had so arisen between the said parties in difference, from the uncertainty of description in the deeds and writings of each of them, so that the garden ground of the feoffees of the parish lands at that time, by reason of alterations from its original state and condition, could not be ascertained ; and that, for the determination of such disputes, the said parties, by their respective bonds, had become reciprocally bound to each other for performing the award and determination of the arbitrators therein mentioned, who had consented to the reference so made to them as aforesaid, it was awarded and determined, that all controversies between the said parties should be at an end ; and, amongst other things, that such garden ground, and the summer-house erected thereon, called the Upper Garden, from the north wall to the south wall, which separated the two gardens as therein mentioned, and from the east wall to the pavement of the said Richard Walker, on the west, being sixty feet, or thereabouts, was the garden ground of and belonging to the said feoffees of the parish lands of the said parish of St. Michael, and that they ought to have, hold, occupy, and enjoy the said garden ground duly, without any molestation of the said Richard Walker, saving thereout the way or passage to Mr. Walker's house ; and the free and uninterrupted use of such way or passage was awarded to the said Richard Walker, his heirs and assigns, he and they paying the yearly sum of 10*s*. from the date of the said award, as a full satisfaction and compensation for such way.

A letter was produced to us, with the signature of Richard Walker, dated 20th June, 1769, addressed to Mr. Horwood, who appears, from other documents before us, to have acted for the parish, in which Mr. Walker states himself to have literally performed the award, made between the vestry of St. Michael's and himself, concerning the ground the

said Mr. Horwood had been writing to him about, and that he would in future conform to the same, without the least deviation therefrom.

The parish afterwards took opinions of council on the question, whether the arbitrators had not exceeded their power, by awarding to Richard Walker a way through the garden ground of the feoffees, the only matter in dispute being the boundaries of the grounds; and from the state of facts in the case, it appears that Mr. Walker had given up possession of what had been awarded to the parish. We do not collect, from any documents before us, that the parish did actually bring the award into litigation; but it appears, that by a resolution at vestry, dated 27th June, 1769, it was determined, on the part of the parish, to demand possession of the garden ground, lodge, and way, which had been granted by them to one Haggatt, on lives; and in case such possession should be refused, the churchwarden was authorised to commence a suit at law for the recovery thereof; and it seems clear that the parish never acknowledged a right of way in Walker, or his successors.

This property has been always let upon lives. The last indenture of lease which could be produced was dated 10th November, 1781, whereby Francis Browne, and the other persons therein named, and described as the surviving feoffees of the lands and hereditaments belonging to the parish of St. Michael, in the city of Bristol, in considerasion of a surrender of the former lease, and of 5*s*., demised and granted unto Isaac Bence, all that plot or piece of garden ground, with a certain edifice erected thereon, commonly called a green-house, situated on St. Michael's Hill, which said piece or parcel of garden ground was bounded on the east side by a lane or way leading to the parish church of St. Michael, on the west side by a pavement, lying before a messuage or tenement belonging to the said Isaac Bence, on the north side by a certain lane or way, commonly called the Lower Church-lane, and on the south side by a garden, belonging to the said Isaac Bence, and containing on the said east side fifty-six feet, on the said west side forty feet, on the said north side sixty-five feet, and on the south side sixty-one feet, which premises were described in a plan thereof, endorsed on the said indenture, to hold the same, with the appurtenances, unto the said Isaac Bence, his executors, &c. for the space of ninety-nine years, determinable with the lives of the said Isaac Bence, John Britton Bence, and Isaac Bence the younger, at the yearly rent of 2*l*. 10*s*. clear of all taxes.

The lease next preceding the last-mentioned lease was dated 1st April, 1777, and was made to George Wilkins, for so long as he should continue rector of the parish church of St. Michael, and to cease on the determination thereof, the consideration for which lease was 14*l*., and the reserved rent of 2*l*.

The present occupier of the premises is Mr. George Pocock, who keeps a boarding-school in Church-lane, St. Michael's, to which this ground is contiguous, and it is believed it forms part of the play-ground of such school.

The rent reserved is, by competent judges, considered adequate to the value of the premises in their present state. They lie in the front of the parsonage house; and, if any buildings were erected thereon, they would be injurious to the said house, by obstructing the prospect and light.

The rent is distributed in bread to the poor, but with no specific reference to this particular donation. It seems to form a part of the consolidated bread distribution.

ELIZABETH FARMER'S GIFT.

By indenture, dated 27th September, 1673, made between the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the city of Bristol, of the first part; Richard Jones, executor of the last will of Elizabeth Farmer, late of Bristol, deceased, of the second part; and Richard Ham, and others, feoffees of all the messuages, lands, and tenements, settled for good and charitable uses to be performed within the parish of St. Michael, of the third part; reciting, that the said Elizabeth Farmer, by her last will, dated the last day of October, 1671, had given unto the poor of the said parish of St. Michael, 50*l.* out of the money that was owing unto her by Mr. Alderman Sandy; the said 50*l.* to be put into the chamber of Bristol, and the profits of it to be weekly distributed to the poor aforesaid, in bread, her executor taking such security from the chamber for the payment of the said profits quarterly, as he should like of, which said Richard Jones, executor as aforesaid, having proved the said will, and he, together with the said feoffees, having consented and agreed to purchase of the said mayor, burgesses, and commonalty, with the said 50*l.* several fee farm rents, quit rents, or annual rents, amounting to the sum of 2*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* per annum, to be received and laid out in bread, and weekly distributed to the poor of the said parish as the gift of the said Elizabeth Farmer: It is witnessed, that the said mayor, burgesses, and commonalty, in consideration of 50*l.* paid to them by the said Richard Jones, granted, bargained, released, and confirmed, with the consent of the said Richard Jones, unto the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns for ever, all that fee farm rent, quit rent, or sum of 1*l.* 4*s.* by the year, issuing out of a tenement called the Tower, situate upon the Quay, in the parish of St. Stephen's, in the said city, in the occupation of William Philpot, payable by the heirs of Alexander Caroe; and all that fee farm rent, quit rent, or yearly rent or sum of 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* by the year, issuing out of two tenements at the head of the Quay, in the parish of St. Leonard, within the said city, theretofore payable by John Gardiner, and then by Elizabeth Gardiner; and also all that fee farm rent, quit rent, or sum of 5*s.* 6*d.* by the year, issuing out of a shop and entry, and back door, situate in Christmas-street, in the parish of St. John Baptist, within the said city, then in the tenure of George Barker, junior, to hold the said several fee farm rents, with the remedies for recovery thereof thereby given, to the only use of the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns, for ever; and it was declared and agreed, by and between the said parties, that the said several fee farm rents were so granted and conveyed to the use of the said Richard Ham, and others, their heirs and assigns, upon trust, and to the intent that they should from time to time, and at all times for ever thereafter, employ the same rents to the good and charitable uses expressed in the will of the said Elizabeth Farmer, and not to any other use or uses whatsoever.

These three rents are now vested in the feoffees of the church lands, being included in the parcels conveyed to them in trust. They appear by the accounts of the church-wardens to have been originally received by the owners or proprietors of the premises out of which they respectively issue. At present the rent of 1*l.* 4*s.* issuing out of the tower

on the Quay, is paid by the chamberlain, the others are paid by the occupiers of the houses charged therewith. The tower on the Quay is believed to be no longer in being, nor does the site of the same appear to be known; but it is described in an old deed in the possession of the corporation, dated 7th May, 1627, as "all that messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, called the Tower, wherein the said Mary Caroe now or lately dwelled, situate, lying, and being upon the Quay, within the said city of Bristol, near unto the higher step."

The application of these sums must be considered as accounted for inclusively in the general bread distribution.

THE GIFTS OF JEREMY HALLWAY, ELIZABETH WIGGINS, AND THOMAS STRETTON.

These gifts were consolidated in the purchase of a rent-charge of 50*s*., as will appear by what follows:—

By a deed poll, dated 1st January, 1704, George Skews, in consideration of the sum of 60*l*., to him paid by John Harper, and other persons therein mentioned, gave, granted, and confirmed unto the said John Harper, and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, one annuity, or yearly rent-charge of 50*s*., to be issuing out of all those two messuages or tenements, with the appurtenances adjoining, together and situate on the south-side of Horse-street, in the parish of St. Augustine, in the city of Bristol, then in the several possessions of Elizabeth Brayne and Wallis Greenfield, having the messuage or tenement wherein Edward Weaver then dwelt, on or towards the west side thereof; and another messuage or tenement wherein Thomas Baker then dwelt, on or towards the east side thereof; which said two messuages or tenements thereby charged with the said annuity, were with other houses lately purchased by him the said George Skews, in fee simple, from Charles Caroe, and Anne his wife, to hold and enjoy the said annuity and rent-charge of 50*s*. to the said grantees, their heirs and assigns for ever, subject to the condition thereinafter mentioned at the times therein specified; and he the said George Skews did thereby grant, that if the said annuity should be unpaid, by the space of twenty days, next after any of the times of payment therein specified, that then he and his heirs should and would forfeit to the grantees the sum of 5*s*. *nomine pœnæ, toties quoties,* for every twenty days that the same should be so unpaid; and the said deed further contained covenants for the title to the said rent-charge, and the usual powers and remedies for recovery thereof.

By a subsequent deed poll, bearing date 2d January, 1704, the said John Harper, and others, reciting that the said George Skews had, by the above recited deed poll for the said 60*l*. therein mentioned, granted the said annuity, as above mentioned, unto them, as the parish feoffees, did thereby confess and acknowledge that the sum of 60*l*. mentioned in the said recited deed did belong to the poor of the parish of St. Michael, within the city of Bristol, as the gifts of the several persons following; viz. 15*l*. thereof,

the gift of Mr. Jerome Hallway, the profit thereof to be given yearly, for ever, in bread or coal, to the poor of the said parish of St. Michael; 10*l.* more thereof, the gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Wiggens, the profit thereof to be given to the poor in bread, the first Sunday in every month, to poor householders of the said parish, for ever; 25*l.* more thereof, the gift of Mr. Thomas Stretton, senior, the profit thereof to be given weekly to the poor of the said parish, in bread for ever; and that the other 10*l.* remainder of the said 60*l.* was what remained in the year 1700, in the hands of Mr. Richard Gravett, then churchwarden of the said parish, as the annual profit of the gifts of Mr. Carr, Mr. White, and Mr. Clement, to the poor of the said parish.

The interest in this rent is vested in the parish, being included in the general conveyance to the feoffees of the church lands, and is received at present as follows; viz.

		£	s.	d.
Of J. Wadham	J. Hallway's gift of	0	12	6
Of ditto	E. Wiggens's gift of	0	12	0
		1	4	6
Of D. Llewellyn	Stretton's gift of	1	5	6
		£2	10	0

The first time that this rent appears to have been paid in separate portions is in the year 1809, when Mr. George Jones was churchwarden; in that year, according to the accounts, Mr. Wadham paid Stretton's gift, and Mr. David Llewellyn, the two others. In the year 1811, Mr. Tyndall, the then churchwarden, received Hallway's from Mr. Wadham, and Stretton's and Wiggens's from Mr. Llewellyn, which is the mode in which they appear to be received at present.

The application of this rent-charge will hereafter appear in Mary Yardley's case.

ANTHONY HODGES'S CHARITY.

Together with the deeds, conveying the premises hereinafter mentioned to Mr. Anthony Hodges, was found an examined copy of an extract from his will, dated 4th June, 1716, whereby he gave and devised unto the feoffees of the church lands, of and belonging to the parish church of St. Michael, within the said city of Bristol, and their heirs, for ever, all that his messuage or tenement, and parcel of ground, situate and being at Shirehampton, in the county of Gloucester, upon trust, that the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of St. Michael, for the time being, should yearly distribute the income and profit thereof, in bread, to such housekeepers of the said parish, as they in their discretion should think fit, on the 11th and 17th days of June, yearly, for ever.

The above-mentioned premises are regularly included in the conveyances of the other property to the feoffees, and is therein described as all that close of meadow or pasture

ground, situate in Shirehampton, in the parish of Westbury-upon-Trym, in the county of Gloucester, called or known by the name of the Ore, containing, by estimation, three acres, (more or less).

By a lease made to Mr. James Joinis, dated 16th March, 1735, these premises are described as all that piece of arable or pasture ground, in the tithing of Shirehampton, in the parish of Westbury-upon-Trym, in the county of Gloucester aforesaid, containing, by estimation, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres, (more or less), which said ground was left, by the will of Anthony Hodges, for the use of the poor of the parish of St. Michael.

By a survey of Mr. Sturge, surveyor, made in 1806, of this property, under the denomination of Cornish Paddock, in the tithing of Shirehampton, belonging to the poor of St. Michael's parish, in Bristol, the premises are stated to consist of 2A. 3R. 5P. and valued at 50*s.* per acre, the tenant paying all taxes, which would amount to 6*l.* 19*s.* rent.

This land is now let to John Prideaux, Esq. who pays a rent of 9*l.* per annum, deducting taxes, rates, and a small chief rent of 6*d.*, amounting together to 7*s.* 4*d.*, and leaving a net rent of 8*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*

In the year 1806, this property was let to a farmer Hopkins, who, for a series of years preceding, appears to have paid a rent 4*l.* 4*s.*, less 6*d.* chief-rent, until the year 1807, when it was re-let to him at the sum of 9*l.*, deducting property-tax, and chief-rent 9*s.* 6*d.*, leaving a net rental of 8*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* He appears subsequently to have paid the rent of 9*l.* without deduction, until the year 1814, when he failed or became bankrupt; and, the rent being lost, the parish had to pay the property-tax, although they received no rent. In the succeeding year it was let to Mr. Prideaux, as above-mentioned, at 9*l.* per annum, from which he does not appear to have claimed any deduction at that time; but, in the succeeding year, the account of this rent is thus entered :—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
" Received of John Prideaux, Esq. one year's rent of house at Shirehampton, being Anthony Hodges's gift	9	10	0
	s.	*d.*	
" Less three years' freehold rent	1	6	
" Shire Hall	1	1	
" Two years' land tax	11	4	
	0	13	11
" Leaving a net rent of	8	6	1
" The entry for the year 1818, expresses the rent to be 9*l.*, less one year's land tax, 5*s.* 8*d.*, leaving a net rent of	8	6	10
" And by an entry in the succeeding year the rent was 9*l.*, less one year's land tax, 5*s.* 8*d.*, and five years' lord's tax, 2*s.* 6*d.*, leaving a net rent of	8	11	10
" The net rent in 1820, was	8	13	10

" Land-tax and lord's tax deducted."

As to the application, *see* also Mary Yardley's case.

THE GIFTS OF ANN RIXON, ALEXANDER JAMES, AND BENJAMIN WILLOUGHBY.

By indenture, dated 12th April , between Jacob Knight, of Westbury, in the county of Gloucester, of the first part; John Collier and Israel Coustain, churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, of the second part; and Robert Yate, and others, described to be parishioners and inhabitants of the said parish of St. Michael, of the third part; reciting, that Ann Rixon, late of the parish of St. Michael, widow, by her last will, had given to the poor of the said parish the sum of 10*l.*; and also, that Alexander James, late of the same parish, Esq. had given by his last will to the poor of the same parish the like sum of 10*l.*; and also, that Benjamin Willoughby, of the same parish, gentleman, had given to the poor thereof the sum of 5*l.*; the profits of which said several sums were to be laid out and given to the poor of the said parish, yearly, in bread, for ever, in such manner as was thereinafter mentioned; and that for the preventing the said several sums of money from being lost or embezzled, it had been agreed by all the said parties, with the consent of the vestry of the said parish, that the said sums should be laid out with other moneys, which were then in the hands of the said then churchwardens, amounting together to the sum of 31*l.* 13*s.* in the purchase of the fee-farm rents thereinafter mentioned: it is witnessed, that in consideration of the said sum of 31*l.* 13*s.*, to the said Jacob Knight paid by the said churchwardens, he the said Jacob Knight did thereby grant, release, and confirm unto the said Robert Yate, and others, all that fee-farm rent of 25*s.* 4*d.* issuing out, for ever, to wit, 13*s.* 4*d.* for a tenement situate in Baldwin-street, in the occupation of John Collier, jun., blacksmith, between a tenement formerly in the occupation of James Barrett, and then of William Collier, blacksmith, on the east side, and a way there leading towards Bafte-street, on the west side, and extending from Baldwin-street aforesaid, forwards on the north part unto a storehouse of the Backhall backwards, on the south part; and 12*s.* for two tenements, then in the occupation of James Lawrence, of Bristol aforesaid, in a street called the Bafte-street aforesaid, between the tenement of the mayor and commonalty, in the occupation of James Garworth, on the east part, and another tenement of the said mayor and commonalty, in the occupation of Jasper Horwood, on the west part, and extending from the said street called Bafte-street, forwards on the north part, unto a garden ground belonging to the Backhall aforesaid, on the south part; all which said fee-farm rents had been purchased, among other quit rents, by John Knight, Esq., father of the said Jacob Knight, in fee, of and from the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of Bristol aforesaid, to hold the said fee-farm rent, quit rent, or yearly rent or sum of 25*s.* 4*d.*, and the penalties and powers therein contained for recovering the said rents, to the said Robert Yate, and others, their heirs and assigns, to the intent and purpose, that they, the said grantees, their heirs and assigns, should for ever employ and dispose of the said fee-farm rents, in bread, on the several feasts and days of payment, in the year thereinafter mentioned, to wit, 5*s.* part of the said 1*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* in thirty twopenny loaves of bread, to

be given by the churchwardens and overseers of the same parish, for the time being, in every year, on the feast day of St. Michael, immediately after sermon time, to such of the poor of the same parish as should be all the time at divine service, and sermon read and preached on the same day of St. Michael, in the said church of St. Michael; and also should employ and dispose of 1*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*, residue of the said 1*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* in bread, to be given to such of the poor of the said parish, on the feast day of the birth of our Lord God, in every year, for ever, as the churchwardens and overseers of the said parish, for the time being, should direct and appoint; and upon no other trust, nor to any other intent or purpose whatsoever, with covenants for the title, and the usual powers of entry and distress.

These rents appear to have been received in the year 1783, of the Misses Naish, under the following description, viz.—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Willoughby	0	5	0
Mrs. Rixon and Mr. Alexander James	1	0	4
	£1	5	4

In the year 1784 the receipt is entered as under,—

"The Misses Naish by the hands of Mr. Bowles, Mr. Willoughby's and Rixon's "gifts of Mr. Jones.

	£	s.	d.
"The chamberlain ¾ of a year on 15*s.*	0	10	0
"The Misses Naish ¼ ditto	0	3	4
"Ditto	0	12	0
	£1	5	4

Mem.—In future the city pays 13*s.* 4*d.*, and the Misses Naish 12*s.* each per annum."

The payments continued to be made in the above proportions until the year 1794, when both sums, of 12*s.* and 13*s.* 4*d.*, were paid by the chamberlain; the chamber, as we have been since informed, having purchased the above premises of Millicent and Ann Naish, at two different periods, viz. 1785, and 1792.

These payments were made without further explanation until the year 1812, when Rixon's and James's are stated to be paid out of late Naish's premises, in Baldwin-street; and Willoughby's is stated to be paid out of premises, demolished, in Baldwin-street.

Both the above tenements have beeen long since pulled down, and form part of the Back Hall, which is the property of the corporation.

The application of this charity is included in the consolidated bread distribution.

GIFTS OF WILLIAM COOK AND OTHERS.

By indenture, dated 22d December, 1719, between Shadrach Thomas, of the city of Bristol, therein described, of the first part; James Madox and Peter Davis, churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, in Bristol, of the second part; and Robert Yate,

and certain other persons therein mentioned, and described to be all inhabitants and parishioners of the said parish of St. Michael, of the third part: reciting, that William Cook, late of the same parish, had in and by his last will, dated 8th March, 1717, given to the poor of the said parish the sum of 10*l.*, and directed the profits thereof to be laid out and given to the poor of the same parish at Christmas, yearly, for ever, in bread, which said sum of 10*l.* was then in the hands of the then present churchwardens; and that the same churchwardens had likewise in their hands the sum of 13*l.* being moneys belonging to the said parish, to be likewise laid out for the use of the poor of the same parish, in such manner as they should think fit; and reciting, that, for preventing the said several sums from being lost, they the said churchwardens had agreed with the said Shadrach Thomas for the purchase of an annuity of 20*s.* per annum, to be issuable out of the messuage or tenement thereinafter mentioned, for the sum of 23*l.*, to be settled upon the trusts thereinafter mentioned: it is witnessed, that in consideration of the said sum of 23*l.* the said Shadrach Thomas did thereby give, grant, and confirm, unto the said Robert Yate, and others, one annuity, or yearly rent-charge, of 20*s.* per annum, for ever, clear of all taxes, charges, and reprizes whatsover, to be issuing out of all that messuage or tenement, situate on St. Michael's-hill, in a street there called Stipe-street, late in the possession of Richard Jones, linen-draper, bounded with a tenement formerly in the tenure of Ann Cook, widow, and then or late in the occupation of Thomas Moss, on or towards the south part, and extending from the said street there forward, on or towards the west part, to a pavement there backwards, in the tenure of Timothy Sandy, on or towards the east part thereof, to hold and take the said rent or sum of 20*s.* unto them the said Robert Yate and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, in trust, and to the intent that they should yearly, for ever, dispose and apply the said annuity or yearly rent of 20*s.* to the several uses, intents, and purposes thereinafter mentioned; viz. the sum of 10*s.* yearly, for ever, for the buying sixty twopenny loaves of bread, to be distributed by the churchwardens and overseers of the said parish, for the time being, on Christmas-day, immediately after divine service, to and amongst such poor people of the said parish as should be then attendant on the said divine service, according to the discretion of the said churchwardens and overseers, and their successsors; and the sum of 10*s.*, being the residue of the said annuity of 20*s.* for the buying of sixty other twopenny loaves of bread, to be likewise distributed by the said churchwardens and overseers of the said parish, and their successors, for ever, on the first day in Lent in every year, for ever, to and amongst such of the poor people of the said parish as they the said churchwardens and overseers should think fit and direct, and upon no other trust, nor for any other uses, intents, or purposes whatsover.

The first receipt of this sum occurring in the churchwarden's accounts, was in the year 1724, and is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
"By the gift of Mr. William				"Paid by Shadrach			
"Cook in 2d bread	0	10	0	"Thomas, due	1	0	0"
"Other gifts in 2d bread	0	10	0	"25th Decr. 1772			

This rent-charge appears by the books to have continued to be received, the last payment being made by Mr. J. P. Bence; and the entry has always been for Mr. Cook, and other gifts.

This charity, it is apprehended, is included in the general distribution of bread gifts.

MARY YARDLEY'S GIFT.

Mary Yardley, of the parish of Long Sutton, in the county of Somerset, by her will, dated 5th June, 1802, gave to the widow Sarah Smith, then in the Merchants' almshouse, in King-street, in the city of Bristol, during her life, to be paid to the said Sarah Smith, in weekly payments, all the interest arising from her 200*l.* then in the hands of Mr. Thomas Stretton, of the parish of Long Ashton, in the county of Somerset; and from and after the decease of the said Sarah Smith, she gave the interest of 100*l.*, being a part of the said 200*l.* to Susanna Baskervill, then living with Mr. Thomas Stretton, in the parish of Long Ashton, in the county of Somerset, to be paid to the said Susanna Baskervill, in half-yearly payments, during her life; and from and after the decease of the said Susanna Baskervill, she gave 50*l.*, part of the said 100*l.*, to Mr. Richard Hill and Mr. Thomas Stretton, upon trust, to pay the said 50*l.* to the treasurer, for the time being, of Bristol Infirmary, which sum she charged on her personal estate, and desired it might be applied to the charitable uses of the said Infirmary; and the remaining 50*l.*, being the other moiety of the said 100*l.*, she gave to the trustees of the Moravian chapel in Maudlin-lane, in the city of Bristol, for the benefit of the widows belonging to the said chapel; and from and after the decease of the aforesaid Sarah Smith, she gave 50*l.*, being another part of the said 200*l.*, to the minister and churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, in the city of Bristol, to be by them put out to interest, and the interest arising therefrom to be laid out in bread, and given to the poor of the said parish, the first Sunday in the month, in every year, for ever; and the other 50*l.*, being the remainder of the said 200*l.*, she gave to William Colley.

Sarah Smith died 6th March, 1816, and the stock, 375*l.* 10*s.*, consolidated three per cents., in which the 200*l.* was invested, was sold on the 25th May following. It produced 234*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.*, and on the 3d June, 53*l.* 19*s.* 1½*d.* was paid to the minister and churchwardens of St. Michael's parish; the duty, 4*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* was paid 22d June, making 58*l.* 12*s.* 11½*d.* the fourth part. This fourth part was invested in the purchase of 55*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* Navy five per cents.

The earliest mention we find of this gift, in the parish accounts for the poor, is by an entry for the year 1817, in the following terms:—

	£	s.	d.
"By cash Elton & Co., one year's dividend on 55*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* Navy five per cents., due 5th January, 1817, standing in the names of Knight, Lansdown, and Rogers, being a gift of Mary Yardley to the parish of St. Michael, the interest to be laid out in bread, and given to the poor the first Sunday in each month in every year for ever	£2	15	2
Less by power of attorney	£1	9	0
commission	0	1	0
second transfer	0	6	8
		1 16	8
Leaving		0 18	6"

to be then distributed.

To which entry is added a note, that this stock stood in the names of Wilkins, Lansdown, and Rogers.

The interest of this money is regularly received, and distributed in bread. *See* the general bread distribution.

It appears that, by adding together the different sums distributable under the above bread gifts, they amount to 34*l.* 4*s.* 9¼*d.*; but it is to be observed, that out of this is to be taken the amount of the gifts of Anthony Hodges and Jeremy Hallway, which have been erroneously distributed in money, instead of bread. By extracting from the churchwardens' accounts the different items of charges for bread in each year, through a period of ten years back, the aggregate amount is 150*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.*, affording an average of 15*l.*, being less than the amount that ought to be distributed by 19*l.* 4*s.* 9¼*d.*

It is suggested that, in future, the gifts of Anthony Hodges and Jeremy Hallway, which have been improperly distributed in money, shall be added to those distributed in bread, according to the direction of the donors; and inasmuch as a rigid observance of the precise days on which certain of the gifts before enumerated are, by the directions of the donors, to be distributed, would lead to much trouble and inconvenience, and possibly be productive of much confusion, it would be desirable that the future distribution should be arranged under two classes, viz. weekly and annual. The weekly distribution to be made on each Sabbath day, and the annual distribution on the 21st or 25th of December, as may be most convenient. If this arrangement be adopted, the distribution will be as under, viz.

Weekly on the Sabbath.	£	s.	d.
Thomasine Harrington	2	12	0
Mary Yardley	2	15	2
Elizabeth Wiggins	0	12	0
Elizabeth Farmer	2	16	2
Thomas Stretton	1	5	6
Joan Langton	2	10	0
Thomas Farmer	2	10	0
Captain John Williams	0	6	7¾
	15	7	5¾
Annual Distribution:—			
Jeremy Hallway	0	12	6
Ann Rixon	0	10	2
Alexander James	0	10	2
Benjamin Willoughby	0	5	0
Anthony Hodges	8	13	10
William Cook's and others	1	0	0
Elizabeth Bristow	1	12	4¾
Peter Davis	3	1	10¾
Ann Hort	2	11	4
	£18	17	3½
Weekly bread	15	7	5¾
	£34	4	9¼

GEORGE WHITE'S GIFT.

By the will of George White, executed 11th August, 1634, reciting among other things that he stood seized in fee simple of and in the messuage, tenement, or lodge, with the appurtenances, wherein he then dwelt, together with a garden ground and orchard thereunto adjoining and belonging, situate on St. Michael's hill, in the parish of St. Michael, within the suburbs of the city of Bristol; his will was, that his executors should hold and enjoy the same during one whole year, next after his decease; and afterwards, he gave and devised one annuity, or yearly rent of 5*l.* per annum for ever, to be issuing out of the said messuage, tenement, or lodge, garden and orchard, with the appurtenances, for ever, to be paid to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the same parish, to be by them, or the greatest number of them, bestowed and employed to and amongst the poor people of the said parish, in their discretions, with a power of distress and entry for the recovery thereof; and as touching the said messuage, tenement, lodge, garden, orchard and premises, with their appurtenances, charged with the said annuity, he gave the same to such person or persons as at the time of his decease should be feoffees of the messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments belonging, or reputed to be belonging, to the parish church of St. Walburge, within the said city of Bristol, and to their heirs and assigns, for ever, upon trust, that the rents, issues, and profits thereof should, over and above the said 5*l.* per annum, and over and above the reparations and charges of and upon the said premises, be from time to time bestowed and employed by the churchwardens and overseers of the said parish of St. Walburge, for the time being, for the greater number of them, either towards the maintenance of the poor people of the same parish, or the repairs of their parish church, at their discretion.

The site of the demised premises is well known; and it is believed, that the same messuage, as is mentioned in the will of Mr. George White, from its apparent age, is still standing.

The parish of St. Werburgh is in the enjoyment of the rent and profits of these premises, and the annuity of 5*l.* appears to have been always regularly paid by that parish to the parish of St. Michael.

According to the churchwardens' gift-books of St. Michael's parish, this sum has been applied, down to the year 1801, in small donations to the poor of that parish, in varying amounts; and the books regularly contain a list of the persons so receiving it, down to that time. By an entry in the churchwardens' account book, for the year 1802, it is stated, that this annual payment of 5*l.* was to be disposed among the gifts in bread, at Christmas; and it is to be observed that, by the donor's directions, the distribution was to be at the discretion of the churchwardens and overseers.

THOMAS CLEMENT'S CHARITY.

The deed under which this gift arises, is set out fully in the account of Mr. Thomas Clement's charity to the parish of St. James, dated 20th April, 1681, whereby an annuity or rent-charge of 20*s.* per annum, was charged upon four tenements, three of which are therein described as being situate in Broadmead, and in the several tenures of Seth Bigg, widow Conway, and Richard Bradley, and the other in the tenure of Edmund Baugh, situate in St. Peter's parish, and made payable to Derrick Popley, and others, parishioners of the parish of St. Michael, upon trust, that they, their heirs and assigns, should cause the said annuity to be distributed on St. Thomas's-day, yearly, for ever, amongst the poor of the said parish of St. Michael, by the advice and direction of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of St. Michael, for the time being.

This annuity of 20*s.* is regularly paid by the occupier of a house now called the Greyhound, in Broadmead, which is a considerable inn, forming a competent security for the same. It appears, by the books, to be regularly distributed every year, under the denomination of Thomas Clement's gift, in small sums to poor people, varying in the number of the persons relieved, and in the amount of the sums given.

EUSEBIUS BROOK'S CHARITY.

By an extract produced to us on an old slip of parchment, endorsed 5th April, 1690, and numbered 30, it appears that the testator gave and bequeathed unto the poor people of St. Michael's parish, 7*l.* a year, for ever, to be raised and paid out of rents that should grow due for Tinker's close, and the houses thereon lying, next adjoining to the Royal Fort, in the parish of St. Michael, aforesaid; and when the said rent should be advanced to more than 7*l.* a year, either by the expiration of the time or lives that were granted on it, which at that time paid him 7*l.* a year, clear of all charges, then he bequeathed to the said poor people 3*l.* a year more, to be added to the said 7*l.*, to make it in all 10*l.* a year, for the use of the poor aforesaid; and he desired it might be paid to such poor people as his executors should think the greatest objects of charity, and such as there should be good grounds to believe did lead sober lives, and fear God most; and if his executors should know of any greater objects of charity in any other parish in the city of Bristol, than were in St. Michael's parish, then they were to distribute part of the money that was appointed to be given to such poor people, in other parts of the said city, as they should think fit, according to their discretion; but if any of his own family should grow to decay, and in want, then he desired 5*l.* of the said 10*l.* to be given them by Eusebius Brook, or his executors.

At the bottom of the said extract, it is stated as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
"The 7*l.* per annum is issuing out of an inclosed garden, belonging to the ..			
" house built by Mr. James Seward	1	0	0
" Tinkard's close itself by said Seward's tenants	5	0	0
" The houses by William Russell built thereon	1	0	0
	£7	0	0"

The unexpired lease, to which the above will referred, was made by an indenture, dated 22d September, 1683, between the said Eusebius Brook, of the one part, and William Rufford, of the other part, whereby the said Eusebius Brook demised to the said Willam Rufford, all that his paddock of ground, containing, by estimation, one-third part of an acre, or thereabouts, lately walled in by the said Eusebius Brook with a dry stone wall, out of his close there called Tinker's close, situate on St. Michael's-hill, in the parish of St. Michael, in the suburbs of the city of Bristol, adjoining to the highway leading from St. Michael's churchyard there, towards Durdham-down, and ranging up from the said highway, on the lower side thereof, by the dwelling-house and garden then in the holding of Roger Buckstone, being the inheritance of the said Eusebius Brook, and was bounded on all other parts and sides thereof with the lands and inheritance of the said Eusebius Brook; to hold the said paddock of ground and premises to the said William Rufford, his executors, administrators, and assigns, for the term of 99 years, if the three lives therein named should so long live, and from the decease of the survivor of them, or other sooner determination of the said term and estate, for the additional term of twenty-one years, at a rent of 20*s.* a year, with a covenant from the said lessee to build on the said ground, within the space of one year, a stone dwelling-house, as therein described; and within the space of three years, to build on the same ground another good dwelling-house or summer-house, as therein also described, and to keep the same in good repair.

Mr. William Lewton Clark was the owner of six houses in Tinkard's Close, which he purchased about the year 1810, of the devisees of Anthony Palmer Collins, Esq., subject to a perpetual yearly payment of 10*l.* to the parish of St. Michael, which is considered as being the donation of Eusebius Brook. The deed of conveyance expresses these premises to be subject, with others, to the payment of this rent, and it is charged upon Mr. Clark exclusively, by the arrangement between him and the party selling. Since this purchase, Mr. Clark has sold off one of these houses to the Rev. Henry Shute, and Henry Shute, Esq.; but as between them and him the liability was to be considered as resting wholly upon Mr. Clark.

The premises were conveyed to Mr. Clark by the description of Tinkard's Close, the boundaries of which close could not be ascertained to us; but there are a great many houses surrounding Mr. Clark's, which have always been considered as being in Tinkard's close, and, at the time of the sale to him, the said annual payment of 10*l.* was charged upon five or six houses, of more value than those purchased by him. Mr. Arthur Palmer, who purchased the five or six houses, abandoned his bargain, and, by an arrangement with the devisees, Mr. Clark made himself liable to the payment, in consideration of an abatement, then considered to be the value of the annuity.

A certain district is apprehended to be popularly understood, as being comprised within the range of Tinkard's close.

As the indenture of lease, above abstracted, relates only to what is called a paddock of ground, on St. Michael's hill, and seems to be a part only of Tinkard's or Tankerd's close, we inquired if any lease, containing a description of the other parts of the close, could be produced; but it did not appear that the parish was in possession of any other lease. By the particular of a sale by auction, in the Exchange coffee-room, Bristol, 30th August, 1809, the premises in Tinkard's close are thus described:—

LOT 11.

A messuage, in the occupation of Stephen Newman, at the clear yearly rent of 16*l.* 16*s.*; another messuage, in the occupation of John Evans, at the clear yearly rent of 16*l.* 16*s.*; another messuage, in the occupation of Martha Jenkins, at the clear yearly rent of 10*l.* 10*s.*; and another messuage, in the occupation of Rebecca Herbert, at the clear yearly rent of 12*l.* 12*s.*

The above premises are situate in Fort-lane, in the parish of St. Michael, in Bristol, and are subject to the annual payment of 10*l.*

LOT 12.

Three messuages, in Tinker's close, in the parish of St. Michael, adjoining together, and now in the occupations of John Palmer, Hannah Barlow, and Mary Prosser, at the yearly rents of 9*l.* 9*s.*, 9*l.* 9*s.*, and 9*l.* 9*s.*; and also two other messuages, adjoining or near adjoining the above-mentioned messuages, and now in the occupations of Elizabeth Whitchurch and John Rice, at the yearly rents of 8*l.* 8*s.* and 8*l.* 8*s.*

LOT 13.

Also five several messuages, situate in Tinker's close, and now in the respective tenures of Thomas Jones, Stephen Brown, John Wall, James Teston, and Mary Light, at the yearly rents of 8*l.* 8*s.*, 7*l.* 14*s.*, 7*l.* 6*s.*, 7*l.* 6*s.*, and 5*l.* 10*s.*

LOT 14.

Also six messuages, situate in Tinker's close, and now in the respective tenures of John Arnold, Catherine Morgan, John White, Mary Sanders, John Southcote, and William Daly, at the yearly rents of 3*l.*, 8*l.* 8*s.*, 6*l.* 6*s.*, 6*l.* 6*s.*, 6*l.* 6*s.*, 7*l.* 6*s.*, and 7*l.* 6*s.*, together with a ground rent of 2*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, issuing and payable out of premises in or near Tinker's close, and well secured.

This rent is regularly paid by Mr. Clark to the churchwardens, and distributed in mall sums to the poor of St. Michael's parish, whose names are set forth in the books. The amount of the sums given to the individuals varies according to circumstances, as well as the number of the persons relieved.

MARY JONES'S CHARITY.

MARY JONES, of Stowey, by her will, dated 18th January, 1787, gave and bequeathed unto Henry Hippesley Cox, Richard Pagett, and Jacob Mogg, Esquires, the sum of 1,500*l.*, to be paid by her executors at the expiration of six months after her decease, upon trust, that the said Henry Hippesley Cox, Richard Pagett, and Jacob Mogg, should immediately thereupon vest the same in some or other of the public funds, in separate and distinct sums of 500*l.*, 500*l.*, 300*l.*, and 200*l.*, upon trust, to receive the interest and dividends arising from the stock purchased with the said sum of 300*l.*, and pay the same to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of St. Michael, in Bristol, for the time being, to be by them, together with the minister of the said parish, distributed, paid, and disposed of, to and for the use of poor and necessitous persons of the said parish of St. Michael, at the discretion of them, the said minister, churchwardens, and overseers of the poor.

By an indenture, dated 16th July, 1792, between Henry Hippesley Cox, Richard Pagett, and Jacob Mogg, therein described and stated to be trustees, named in the last will of Mary Jones, of the first part; Dame Elizabeth Jones, the widow of Sir William Jones, Baronet, one of the devisees and legatees, also named in the last will of the said Mary Jones, of the second part; and John Britton Bence and William Lucas, churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, Bristol, of the third part; reciting in part the will of the said Mary Jones, as far as it relates to the said gift to St. Michael; and that the said Mary Jones, by a codicil to her said will, had charged certain tenements and hereditaments, thereby devised to her, the said Dame Elizabeth Jones, amongst other moneys, with the payment of the said sum of 300*l.* upon the trusts in the said will, in that behalf mentioned, and thereby discharged the executors of her said will of and from the payment thereof, whereby the charitable intentions of the said testatrix, in favour of the said parish of St. Michael, became liable to be defeated; but that the said Dame Elizabeth Jones, being desirous that such the intentions of Mary Jones should be carried into execution, had voluntarily paid the said sum of 300*l.* of her own proper moneys, to the said Henry Hippesley Cox, Richard Pagett, and Jacob Mogg, for the purpose of being laid out and invested by them in some public funds, upon such trust, for the poor of the said parish, as were mentioned in the said will; and that the same had been laid out and invested in the purchase of 319*l.* 10*s.* three per cent. consolidated bank annuities, and that the same were then standing in their names in the bank; it is witnessed, that the said trustees did thereby acknowledge such investment, and that they would stand possessed of the same stock, upon the trusts expressed in the said will. And it was thereby agreed between the said parties, that, upon any vacancy in the trust, the survivors and survivor, with the consent of the minister, churchwardens, and overseers of St. Michael's parish, or the majority of them, should fill up the same.

It appears that, on the 1st of May, 1792, the sum of 299*l.* 10*s.* 7*d.*, which, with the expenses of the power of attorney and commission made up 300*l.*, was laid out in the purchase of 319*l.* 10*s.* three per cent. consols, at 93¾, in the names of the said trustees, producing a dividend of 9*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*

And according to a minute of the vestry book of St. Michael's parish, dated 6th December, 1800, the interest of this money remained unapplied at that time, and the sum of 67*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, being nine years' interest upon Mrs. Jones's gift to the poor, was that year, together with another sum of money, then in the hands of the churchwardens, and at the disposal of the vestry for charitable purposes, making up the sum of 125*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*, applied to the use of the poor, it being resolved, at the same time, that a soup committee should be established in the city of Bristol. From that period, it appears, by the gift books, that the dividend of the said stock, being 9*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, has been annually distributed among the poor in different sums, a list of the persons receiving the same benefaction being regularly exhibited.

DOROTHY HAND'S GIFT.

The receipt of this donation appears, by an entry in the churchwardens' accounts, dated August 17th, 1791, in the following terms :—

"By cash of the executors of Mrs. Dorothy Hand, the interest to be distributed among the poor of the parish, 50*l.*"

It appears, on the other side, to have been paid to Mr. George Wilkins, the rector of the parish.

This sum was obtained October 14, 1817, from the representatives of Mr. George Wilkins, together with interest due upon the same, from March 25th to October 10th 1817, and the two prior years, 6*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.*

It appears also, in the same account book, to have been purchased into the navy five per cents. in the same year. The sum in the five per cents, so bought with the 50*l.*, was 47*l.* 1*s.*, producing an interest of 2*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.* Mr. Wilkins paid four per cent. upon this sum down the year 1795; from that time, until the investment, he paid at the rate of 5*l.* per cent.

Down to the year 1801, the proceeds of this money is annually accounted for; but, from that time, nothing specific occurs: it may probably be included under the surplus gifts.

ALDERMAN ROBERT KITCHEN'S CHARITY.

How this donation to St. Michael's parish is provided for, is shown in the schedule to Abel Kitchen's indenture, set forth in the report of Alderman Kitchen's Charities, under the head of Corporation Charities.—[*See* Eighth Report, page 592.*]

Thirty shillings per annum is received from the chamberlain of the city, by the churchwardens of St. Michael's parish, and distributed to three poor burgesses, or their widows, of the same parish.

* Vide vol. i. p. 136.

GEORGE HARRINGTON'S CHARITY.

By referring to the report of George Harrington's gift, under the head of the Corporation Charities of the city of Bristol, [*see* Sixth Report, page 530,]* it will be seen that St. Michael's parish is among the number of those that were to receive, for three quarters, a sum of 10*s.* from the chamberlain of the city, in virtue of the payment of the sum therein-mentioned, by the said George Harrington to the said chamber, making the annual amount of 1*l.* 10*s.*; and by which report, it appears that the said sum of 10*s.* was to be given to some poor householder, being a burgess, or the widow of a burgess of the said city.

The parish books make it appear, that this sum of 30*s.* has been constantly distributed.

The number of the persons relieved is regularly three, according to the directions of the donor; but his directions have not been followed as to the giving to each the sum of 10*s.* The sum of 30*s.* has been dealt out to them, in varying proportions; but this is undertaken to be rectified in future.

JOSEPH JACKSON'S GIFT.

By referring to Alderman Jackson's charity, amongst those of the corporation of Bristol, already reported, [*see* Eighth Report, page 611,]† the augmentation of the original sum given by Alderman Jackson's will, to 300*l.*, by the addition of accumulated interest is explained, and upon such sum of 300*l.* so composed, it has appeared, by the corporation receipts, that the interest has been regularly applied in payments to certain parishes therein named, of which St. Michael's is one; the payment to St. Michael's being 1*l.* 15*s.*

This sum of 1*l.* 15*s.*, according to the books of the parish, has been regularly distributed from the year 1740, in small sums of unequal amount, to poor people, varying in the number.

JAMES SEWARD'S GIFT.

By an indenture, made 29th March, 1692, between James Seward, of Bristol, of the one part; and Sir John Knight, and others, (of whom William Stretton was one,)

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 94. † Ibid. p. 160.

inhabitants of the parish of St. Michael, of the other part; the same James Seward gave, granted, and confirmed to the said Sir John Knight, and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, one annuity, or yearly rent, or sum of 40*s*., to be issuing out of all that messuage or tenement, in the holding of John Yeamans, the younger, merchant; and out of the cellar, vaults, and shops thereto near adjoining and belonging, situate in part over St. Giles's gate, and all within the parish of St. Leonard, in the city of Bristol; to hold, receive, and enjoy the said annuity of 40*s*. to the said Sir John Knight, and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, and payable at the times therein mentioned; which grant and gift of the said annuity, it was thereby concluded and agreed between all and every the said parties to that indenture, should be upon trust; and to the intent, that the said Sir John Knight, and others, the said grantees, their heirs and assigns, should from time to time, for ever thereafter, dispose and employ the same to such uses, intents, and purposes, and in such manner and sort as he, the said James Seward, in and by his last will, signed, sealed, and published in the presence of three credible witnesses, should direct or appoint; and also, that when the said grantees should come to the number of five, that should be then living, that then, if not before, the like grant or conveyance should be made of the said annuity, to other persons inhabiting within the said parish of St. Michael, to the number of 11 at least, to the intents and purposes aforesaid, for the better keeping on foot the said annuity.

By the clause of Mr. James Seward's will, relating to this legacy, endorsed on the said indenture, it appears that the same James Seward, by his will, referring to the same indenture, did appoint and declare, that the said annuity or yearly rent of 40*s*. should at Christmas, yearly, for ever, be paid over to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of St. Michael, for the time being, and be by them distributed to such eight poor householders or widows, inhabiting in the same parish, and not receiving weekly alms, by 5*s*. to each person, as they, or the major number of them, should from time to time appoint, and think fit objects of charity.

By an indenture, dated 9th March, 1764, between William Stretton, of the city of Bristol, merchant, eldest son and heir-at-law of William Stretton, late of the city of Bristol, mariner, deceased, of the first part; Thomas Dymmock and Charles Horwood, then churchwardens of the parish of St. Michael, Bristol, of the second part; and Samuel Seyer, clerk, rector of the said parish church, and the several other persons therein named, all of the said city of Bristol, then or then late parishioners and inhabitants of the said parish, of the third part; reciting the grant and conveyance of the said annuity of 40*s*. as above abstracted; and reciting the same indenture of the 20th December, 1719, as has before been set forth in the above case of William Cook's charity, whereby the said Shadrach Thomas, for the consideration therein mentioned, granted unto Robert Yate, and others, (of whom William Stretton was one,) an annuity of 20*s*. payable out of a messuage in Stipe-street, St. Michael's hill, upon trust, to dispose of 10*s*. of the said annuity for the buying of sixty twopenny loaves of bread, to be distributed on Christmas-day, after divine service, as therein mentioned; and to dispose of the other 10*s*. of the same annuity for buying sixty other twopenny loaves, to be distributed on the first day of Lent; and reciting, that the several grantees, in the above grants or indentures, were all long since deceased, without having made any fresh or new grant of the said several rents; and reciting, that the said William Stretton, deceased, was the last surviving grantee, by

means whereof the said trust estate had since devolved on, and become vested in, the said William Stretton, party thereto, as his eldest son and heir-at-law; it is witnessed that, for the nominal consideration therein mentioned, the said William Stretton, party thereto, granted, released, and confirmed unto the said Samuel Seyer, and others, all that the said rent or sum of 40*s*. issuing out of the said messuage or tenement in the parish of St. Leonard; and also that one other rent or sum of 20*s*. issuing out of the said messuage or tenement, in the parish of St. Michael, aforesaid, and all powers and remedies for the recovery thereof respectively; to hold the same to them, their heirs and assigns, to the intent and purpose that they, the said grantees, their heirs and assigns, should for ever employ and dispose of the said sum of 40*s*. thereby granted and released, to the several uses directed by the said James Seward's will, (therein by mistake called Stewart's); and to this further intent and purpose, that they, the said grantees, their heirs and assigns, should for ever employ and dispose of the said yearly rent of 20*s*. thereby granted and released, in manner following.

The indenture then sets forth the objects of the last-mentioned charity, as already set forth in William Cook's charity.

This annual sum is now received from a Mrs. Gay, and the receipt and distribution appears, by the parish books, to have been distributed for a considerable period to poor housekeepers or widows; but, of late years, it does not seem to have been confined to eight persons, or to have been distributed in sums of a uniform amount.

FRANCIS GLEEDE'S CHARITY.

The will of Francis Gleede has been fully set out in the report of his charity, among the charities of St. Mary Redcliff, in this city; (*see* Sixth Report,* page 215); and the same amount as there appears to have been received by Redcliff parish, (vid. 1*l*. 18*s*.) is also received by this parish.

It appears, by the entries in the gift-book of the parish, to have been regularly distributed to the full amount, in small sums, to different poor people of this parish, varying in the number.

COX'S GIFT.

According to the parish books of St. Michael, that parish has regularly received and applied the sum of 10*s*. from the chamber.—(*See* Corporation Charities, Eighth Report,† page 613.)

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 72. † *Vide* vol. i. p. 164. The sum there assigned to this parish is 15*s*.

JOHN CARR'S GIFT.

In the churchwarden's account book, we find that, down to the year 1737, an annuity of 10*l.* was paid to the churchwardens of St. Michael's parish, by the treasurer of Queen Elizabeth's hospital, as being the gift of Mr. John Carr. That was the last year of its payment. There is a note in the account for the year 1741, stating that the gift of Mr. John Carr was lost, as would appear by a paper in the chest, being a copy of a clause in his will.

The clause in the will of Mr. John Carr, above referred to in the said note, was produced to us; from the perusal of which, we found that the testator had provided thereby that when the hospital, which was intended by that his will, should be erected, then the said annuity of 10*l.* should from thenceforth be used and employed to the use and behoof of that hospital, and the use expressed in his said deed to cease.

On the copy of the said clause is endorsed as follows :—

"A clause taken out of the will of Mr. Carr, showing, that his 10*l.* per annum fell from St. Michael's to Queen Elizabeth's hospital."

An explanation has been given by the chamberlain, agreeing with this statement; and we should not have thought it necessary to give this account of Carr's charity, if we had not found it stated, in a History of Bristol, as an existing charity.

UNITED SCHOOLS OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. AUGUSTINE.

On the part of the treasurer of this establishment, an account was produced of the annual income thereof, as constituted of the income arising from certain donations, a certain sum of money in the three per cents, and the voluntary contributions of the two parishes.

This school was established in the year 1713, for the education and clothing of a certain number of boys and girls. It had its commencement in the voluntary contributions of the parishioners of the respective parishes; and certain accessions have been made to it of a permanent nature, by the several gifts of Mr. Freeke, Mr. Dymmock, Mrs. Frazier, of St. Michael's parish, and Mrs. Colwell, Mr. Wilkins, and Mrs. Towgood, of St. Augustine's parish, making an annual amount of 11*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* There is also the sum of 1,350*l.* three per cent. consols, producing a dividend of 40*l.* 10*s.*; so that it appears that the total permanent income of the school is 52*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*

The amount of the subscriptions in the year 1820, for the two parishes, was 90*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*; for the year 1821, 84*l.* 19*s.*; and for the year 1822, 75*l.* 11*s.*; so that the

general amount of the annual subscriptions manifestly exceeds the amount of the permanent funds, and therefore this charity falls within the 8th clause of the 59th Geo. III., cap. 81, which excepts out of our inquiry any institution for charitable purposes, wholly or principally maintained by voluntary contributions.

CHURCH LANDS AND STOCK.

BARTHOLOMEW RUSSELL'S GIFT.

Bartholomew Russell, by his last will, dated February 3, 1625, (as appears by the book of wills, No. 3, belonging to the corporation,) gave and bequeathed, *inter alia*, as follows :—

"Also, I give and bequeath the house, wherein now William Paine dwelleth, to my wife, during the term of her natural life; and, after her life, I give and bequeath the inheritance of that house to the inhabitants of the parish of St. Michael, to be employed to the reparations of the said church; and in case the church wants no reparations, nor any part thereof, then to be employed to the good and benefit of the poor of the said parish, until there be a further occasion of the reparation of the said church."

And he appointed his wife, Agatha, to be the executrix of his will.

There is a house in Horse-street, now the property of the parish, and considered part of the church lands, which is supposed to be the house left by Bartholomew Russell, as the parish have but one house in Horse-street.

In the abstract-book of the feoffments of St. Michael's, the title deeds relating to this house are abstracted, beginning with an indenture of feoffment, dated 9th January, 1597, in which the premises are described as "All that messuage or tenement, and so much of the back side reaching down to the water-side in breadth, as the said tenement is square, with all shops, &c. situate in the city of Bristol, in a street there called Horse-street, within the parish of St. John the Baptist, and extending in length from the said street called Horse-street on the front part westwards, towards the water of Frome backward on the east part."

By mesne conveyances, and particularly by an indenture of feoffment, dated 12th May, 1624, this property is deduced to the aforesaid Bartholomew Russell; down to the year 1630, there are conveyances to successive feoffees; but from that time no feoffments could be produced, though there can be no doubt that there were subsequent conveyances to new feoffees, as the above abstract-book exhibits a series of demises of these premises down to the 15th October, 1766.

The last lease which could be produced was by indenture, dated 30th December, 1800, between Thomas Stretton, Esquire, William Daniel and Samuel Newnham, gentleman, John Tyler, Esquire, Christopher Haynes, clerk, Thomas Haynes and Richard Llewellen, Esquires, James Kelson, apothecary, John Kelson, gentleman, Thomas Welling, Samuel Thomas, George Ebery, Thomas and Edward Sharpe, surviving feoffees of all the

messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, belonging, or reputed to be belonging, to the said parish church of St. Michael, within the suburbs of Bristol, commonly called St. Michael's Church Lands, of the first part; John Ames, Matthew Wright, Edward Rolle Clayfield, and Henry Gidd, all of the said city, sugar bakers and copartners, of the second part; and Truman Harford, of the city of London, brewer, and trustee for the said Ames, Wright, Clayfield, and Gidd, of the third part; which indenture witnesseth, that, for the purposes therein mentioned, and in consideration of the sum of 42*l.* for and in the name of a fine to the said feoffees, or to the churchwardens, paid, and also in consideration of the rents and covenants therein contained, they the said feoffees did thereby demise and to farm let, unto the said Truman Harford, the said premises in Horse-street; to hold the same to him, his executors, administrators, and assigns, for the term of 99 years, determinable with the three lives of James Ireland Knight, Matthew Wright, and Edward Ireland Clayfield, in trust for the said Ames, Wright, Clayfield, and Gidd, their executors and administrators, as part of the dead stock of their co-partnership concern, and to be from time to time assigned and disposed of accordingly, at the yearly rent of 5*l.* payable as therein mentioned.

The said indenture refers to a plan of the premises delineated on the back thereof.

Some of the feoffees, by whom the premises were last leased as above mentioned, appear to be still living, and will be recommended to make a new feoffment.

The above mode of letting is consonant to the general practice in Bristol, to let houses in the city belonging to charities where there are no funds to repair, upon lives, as the best mode of preserving the property. These rents appear, by the churchwarden's book, to have been always carried to the church accounts.

GRANT OF A TRIANGULAR PIECE OF LAND.

By indenture, made 28th September, 1655, between the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the city of Bristol, of the one part; and certain persons therein described as the surviving feoffees of the lands belonging to the parish church of St. Michael's, of the other part; it is witnessed, that the said mayor, &c. as well for and in consideration that a necessary supply of water might be at all times thereafter had by the parishioners and inhabitants of the said parish, as for the yearly rent thereinafter reserved, did grant, enfeoff, and confirm unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns, for ever, all that triangular piece or parcel of waste ground, together with a well therein lately digged, in the parish of St. Michael aforesaid, upon the ascent of the hill there, leaving the street or common highway leading from Horse-street up to the almshouse, on St. Michael's-hill, on the east part; and containing on that part, measured by the wall, forty-three yards; and on the south and south-west side was bounded with a street or lane betwixt the same, and certain orchards belonging to the great house on St. Austin's Back, and containing up to Trencher-lane, twenty-six yards; and on the west and north-west parts, bounded with the said lane, called Trencher-lane, to the north angle thereof, twenty-six yards; to hold the same to and to the use of them, their heirs and assigns, for ever, at the yearly rent of 6*d.*

In the same year, by indenture dated 3d November, 1755, between John Ham and others, the feoffees mentioned in the last lease, of the one part; and Philip Cook, of the other part; the said feoffees, in consideration that the said Philip Cook had expended and

disbursed, in digging and sinking a well on the premises, the sum of 30*l.*, and in walling the same about; and also in consideration, that he the said Philip Cook was to build upon the said premises of waste ground, two habitable houses as therein specified, did demise, grant, and to farm let, unto the said Philip Cook, all the said ground and premises as above described, except a liberty to the inhabitants of St. Michael's parish, to fetch and carry away water from the said well, as often as they should have occasion; to hold the same to the said Philip Cook, his executors, administrators, and assigns, from Christmas thence next ensuing, for 121 years, at the yearly rent of 8*s.*

The last lease is from the feoffees to Mr. John Wadham, dated 29th September, 1777, for 99 years, determinable with the three lives therein mentioned, the consideration money being 174*l.* and the chief rent reserved 5*l.* per annum.

It appears, by the books, that the proceeds of this land, for renewals and for rent, have been regularly brought to account.

Mrs. ANN FRAZIER'S GIFT.

By a minute of vestry in the vestry-book, dated 13th January, 1790, it is recorded, that at a meeting held on that day, to dispose of two legacies left by Mrs. Ann Frazier, the copy of that part of her will was produced, which was as follows:—

"I give and bequeath unto the churchwardens and vestry of the parish of St. Michael, within the city of Bristol, for the time being, the sum of 100*l.* to be by them placed out at interest, either on government or real securities, and the interest arising therefrom to be by them applied in and towards the reparation and improvement of the parish church of St. Michael; and I give unto the said churchwardens and vestry, of the said parish of St. Michael, for the time being, the sum of 40*l.* to be by them expended in building a fire-engine for the use of the said parish, the said 40*l.* to be paid when the said fire-engine should be completed, and sent home to the parish church; and I also give unto the said churchwardens and vestry of the said parish, for the time being, the further sum of 100*l.*, the interest thereof to be by them disposed of and applied towards the support and continuance of the charity school, for the education and clothing of boys, commonly called St. Michael's and St. Augustine's charity school in the said city of Bristol, so long as the same school shall be continued and kept up; but on the discontinuance thereof, I direct the said churchwardens and vestry for the time being, to apply the interest of the said sum of 100*l.* towards the support and reparation of the same parish church of St. Michael."

It appears, by the same minute, that it was then agreed that the said legacies of 100*l.* each, making 200*l.*, should be paid to Messrs. Daniel and Stretton, to purchase therewith capital in the same fund with the parish moneys already in the four per cent. bank annuities, and that the same was accordingly paid over to them.

Which minute bears the signature of the churchwardens, rector, and others.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1790, the following entry appears on the credit side:—

	£	s.	d.
"By one year's dividend for Mrs. Ann Frazier's donation to St. Michael's "church, due 5th April last	4	0	0
"By one year's d° to d° due to St. Michael's and St. Augustine's charity school, "5th April last	4	0	0

"*N. B.*—These two dividends were paid by Mr. Thomas Stretton, with the others, to-"gether, in the four per cents."

There are no means of ascertaining whether these two sums of 100*l.* each were actually invested in the four per cents, as the above entries seem to import, except by reference to the amount of stock in this fund belonging to the parish, and the items of which that stock is composed. On reference to the books of the bankers, Messrs. Elton and Co. the amount of stock appears to be 1,558*l.* 11*s.*, standing in the names of Richard Brickdale Ward, Thomas Lansdown, George Rogers, and Neast Greville Prideaux; and by reference to the churchwarden's account, it should seem that that sum is made up of the following items:—

	£	s.	d.
Sundry gifts, invested prior to 1807	910	7	6
Surplus gifts, being the amount left undistributed of various gifts and charitable collections	203	10	0
Mrs. Frazier's Legacy (if invested as supposed)	200	0	0
Mrs. Hale's legacy	155	1	0
Purchased in 1800, supposed the gifts of Mr. Bowen and Mr. Lucas, of 30*l.* each	89	12	6
	£1,558	11	0

We find, by the churchwarden's books, that due application has been made of the interest of the two respective sums of 100*l.* derived from Mrs. Frazier. It also appears, by an entry in the church account for 1791, that 2*s.* 6*d.* was paid for trying the engine, which, it is presumed, was an engine just then purchased and proved.

SARAH HALE'S GIFT.

In the vestry-book is a minute, dated 26th May, 1797, to the following effect:—

"At a meeting, held this day, to dispose of a legacy, left by Mrs. Sarah Hale, the copy of that part of her will was produced, which was as follows:—

"I give and bequeath to the said Edward Colston Greville and Ames Hellicar, the further sum of 100*l.* upon trust, and to the intent that they, or either of them, should pay the same unto the minister or churchwardens of the said parish of St. Michael, to be by them placed out at interest, and the interest thereof applied in keeping the fire-engine of the said parish in good order and condition, and towards the repairs of the parish church."

"Resolved, that the above legacy of 100*l.* should be paid to Messrs. Daniel and Whitchurch, and that they should invest the same, in addition to the 1,110*l.* 5*s.* in the four per cent. consols bank annuities, and the same was accordingly paid them, less 6*l.* the duty."

This legacy appears to have been received by Mr. Hill, the churchwarden, in 1794, after deducting 6*l.* for the legacy duty, leaving 94*l.* which was laid out at the same time,

in the purchase of 155*l.* 1*s.* four per cent. consols, forming part of the 1,558*l.* 11*s.* mentioned in the former case of Mrs. Ann Frazier.

The dividend arising from this stock, amounting to 6*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* is carried, as appears by the churchwarden's books, to the church account.

MR. BOWEN'S AND MR. LUCAS'S GIFTS.

In the accounts of Mr. Charles Ridout, the churchwarden in the year 1800, are the following entries on the credit side of the account:—

	£.	s.	d.
"By cash received of Mr. Bowen, a gift to the church	30	0	0
"By d° d° of Mr. Lucas d°	30	0	0"

And, on the debtor side of the account, is the following entry:—

"To d° paid for purchasing in four per cents (89*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*) £.	69	7	9
"Deduct interest rec^d^	1	11	11
	67	15	10"

The objects of the gifts do not further appear; but the dividends on the amount of stock are regularly credited in the church accounts, without any notice of the objects to which they are applicable, or any other explanation, until the year 1808, when the same are designated as church-money, by which denomination that sum has been regularly entered to the present time.

This sum of 89*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* four per cents, forms part of the 1,558*l.* 11*s.* mentioned in Mrs. Frazier's case. The dividend, 3*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, is carried to the church account.

We have thought proper, by way of elucidating our report concerning the lands of this parish, to annex the following schedule of the same, as described in the several parish feoffments, as also a schedule of the leases. We have also added a statement of the expenditure of the parish of St. Michael, in charitable donations, for the last ten years; and have, as a future rule of guidance, proposed to be adopted by the parish, subjoined a plan of distribution for the better accomplishment of the intentions of the respective donors.

SCHEDULE OF THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE PARISH OF ST.

Where any additional Premises are found in

No. in Schedule of Leases.	Description in 1634.	Description in 1655.	Description in 1664.
1	A messuage, and a garden adjoining, in the tenure of Edward Jones, mariner, situate in Horse-street, in the parish of St. Michael's, and extending from said street forwards, unto the river of Frome backwards.	In the tenure of John England, mariner.	Same.
	Two tenements, with the appurtenances adjoining unto the parish church of St. Michael on the east part, and in the occupation of Margery Jones, widow, and Roger Moore.	Same.	Same.
	Also a tenement lying near the upper part of the churchyard of St. Michael's, and in the possession of Margaret Brewer, widow.	Same.	Same.
	[2. A triangular piece of waste ground, together with a well therein lately digged, situate in the said parish of St. Michael, upon the ascent of the hill there, having the street or common highway leading from Horse-street up to the alms-house on St. Michael's Hill on the east part, and containing, on that part, measured by the wall, 43 yards; and on the south and south-west side, bounded with a small lane between the same, and certain orchards belonging to the Great House on St. Augustine's Back, and containing, up to Trenchard-lane, 26 yards; and on the west and north-west part, bounded with Trencher-lane, to the north angle thereof, 26 yards.]*		Same.
		[Garden ground, and lodge therein, of the gift of Joan Langton, widow, being in the parish of St. Michael, in the holding of Mr. Haggatt, bounded with the lane leading to Stony-hill on the one side, and the garden ground in the holding of Mr. Haggatt, backwards.] Upon trust to take care that the good and charitable uses, wherewith said premises thereby granted were charged, might be the better observed and performed.	

* *This and subsequent descriptions, placed within Brackets*

MICHAEL, AS DESCRIBED IN THE SEVERAL PARISH FEOFFMENTS.

the Feoffments, they are described in Red Ink.

Description in 1692.	Description in 1730.	REMARKS.
Same. in the tenure of Francis Russell, pipe-maker.	Same, in the tenure of Thomas Gibbs, baker. [An annuity of 50*s.* issuing out of two messuages adjoining together, situate on or near the south side of Horse-street, in the parish of St. Augustine; which said messuages were with other houses purchased by George Skews from George Caro, gentleman, and Hannah, his wife.]	Now in lease to Truman Harford, in trust for Messrs. Ames, Wright, Clayfield, and Co. Now received of J. Wadham : J Holloway's gift ..... £0 12 6 E. Wiggins ..... 0 12 0 D. Llewellyn, T. Stretton's 1 5 6 2 10 0
Same.	Then demolished, and one of them converted into a vestry room.	
Same, in the tenure of Joan Hitchens, spinster.	Same, in the occupation of William Quinton.	Query, in the occupation of the sexton. Belongs to the rector, and is to be omitted in any future feoffment.
Same, and all houses and buildings upon same (late triangular piece of ground.) (In the covenant against incumbrances, is an exception of the yearly fee-farm rent of sixpence, payable at Michaelmas yearly, to the corporation of Bristol out of this land.)	Same.	Now in the occupation of James Hicks. Let to John Wadham.
Same.	Same, in the tenure of Joseph Wakeley	Part of Pocock's garden, p. 5, Abstract Book. Let to George Pocock, at 2*l.* 10*s.*
[Yearly sum of 1*l.* 4*s.* issuing from a tenement, called the Tower, situate on the Quay, in the parish of St. Stephen, in the city of Bristol, payable by the heirs of Alexander Caro.]	Same.	Paid by the chamberlain.
[Yearly sum of 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* issuing out of two tenements at the head of the Quay, in the parish of St. Leonard's, in said city, payable by Elizabeth Gardner.]	Same.	Paid by Daniel Hicks.
[Yearly sum of 5*s.* 6*d.* issuing out of a shop, &c. in Christmas-street, in the parish of St. John the Baptist, in said city. (Which said yearly sums were, with 50*l.* bequeathed by Elizabeth Farmer, purchased from the corporation of Bristol.)]	Same.	Woodward and Hope.
To and for the several good charitable and pious uses of and within the said parish of St. Michael, for which the same messuages, lands, tenements, rents, hereditaments, and premises, respectively, were given, and bequeathed, or purchased.	[A close of meadow or pasture ground, situate in Shirehampton, within the parish of Westbury-upon-Trym, in the county of Gloucester, called the Oare, containing, by estimation, three acres, bounded on the south side with a ground called the Little Oars, on the west side with a lane called Oars-lane, on the east by Hunt's Ground, called Berrow Hill, and on the north side, with a ground, late of John Hall, called Barrow Hill.] Same trusts.	The gift of Anthony Hodges, now in the occupation of Mr. Prideaux.

are in the Manuscript Copy, written in Red *Ink.*

SCHEDULE OF LEASES.

No. in Schedule of Church Lands.	PREMISES.	SITUATION.	DATE OF LEASES.	LESSEE.
1	A messuage or tenement and garden.	Horse-street, and extending from said street forwards on the north part unto the river Froome backwards on the south part.	30 December, 1800	Truman Harford, in trust for Ames, Wright, Clayfield, and Goode.
2	Four messuages ordwelling-houses.	Steep-street, bounded on the front or eastward part by Steep-street, on the westward part by a passage leading out of Steep-street to Trenchard-lane, and on the northward part by Trenchard-lane.	29 September, 1777	John Wadham .....

LIST of the Expenditure of the parish of St. Michael,

	1812.	1813.	1814.	1815.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Education	4 13 8	4 13 8	4 13 8	4 13 8
Money gifts	71 10 8½	71 10 8½	71 10 8½	71 10 8½
Clothing.....	0 3 4½	0 3 4½	0 3 4½	0 3 4½
Bread	9 13 8	10 17 0	9 17 6	11 15 6
Sundries.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sermons.....	7 1 6	7 1 6	7 1 6	7 1 6
£	93 2 11	94 6 3	93 6 9	95 4 9

SCHEME FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SEVERAL

In the parish of Saint Michael, in the

DONORS' NAMES.	AMOUNT.	INVESTMENT.
	£ s. d.	*Sermons:*
Richard Haynes	Rent-charge	Land at Henbury .....
Thomas Brayne.....	30 0 0	£40 9s. 6d. part of 910l. 7s. 6d. four per cent. consols, standing in the names of Messrs. Ward, Lansdown, Rogers, and Prideaux .....
Benjamin Bristow.....	30 0 0	Ditto.....
Elizabeth Bristow.....	30 0 0	Ditto .....
John Tyler	Rent-charge	House on St. Michael's Hill, in the occupation of Mr. Wright .....
Joseph Wakely.....	Rent-charge	House in Bath-street, in the occupation of Robert Tripp
Peter Davis	150 0 0	Part of 475l. 15s. 4d. three per cent. reduced .....
Elizabeth Bayley	40 0 0	£53 19s. 3¾d. part of £910l. 7s. 6d. four per cents. above .. ..
		Bread Gifts:
Thomasine Harrington	.....	Corporation .....
Joan Langton..... ..	.....	Garden ground and lodge let to George Pocock .....
Elizabeth Farmer	50 0 0	Quit rents issuing out of the Tower, on the Quay ..... £ 1 s. 4 d. 0
		Two tenements at the head of the Quay 1 6 8
		Shop in Christmas-street..... 0 5 6

SCHEDULE OF LEASES.

OCCUPIER.	Existing Lives and Ages, or Terms of Years.	Yearly Rent.	Fine for Renewal.	Other Consideration (if any.)
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
John Ames, Matth. Wright, Edward Rolle Clayfield, and Henry Goode.	James Ireland Wright, aged 38: Matthew Wright the younger, aged 37; and Edward Ireland Clayfield, aged 24;	5 0 0	42 0 0	Surrender of a former lease, dated 15th October, 1766.
James Hicks.	James Hicks, aged 38; James Hicks, Jun. aged 11; Daniel Hicks, aged 9.	5 0 0	174 0 0	

in Charitable Donations, for the last Ten Years.

1816.	1817.	1818.	1819.	1820.	1821.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
4 13 8	4 13 8	4 13 8	4 13 8	4 13 8	4 13 8
71 10 8½	71 10 8½	71 10 8½	71 10 8½	71 10 8½	71 10 8½
3 19 4½	1 16 10½	3 17 4	.....	5 17 8	9 9 4
10 12 8	10 2 0	10 16 0	14 3 3	12 11 0	52 8 6
3 5 0	0 17 10½	1 9 0	....	25 8 11	4 17 9½
7 1 6	7 1 6	7 1 6	7 1 6	7 1 6	7 1 6
101 2 11	96 2 7½	99 8 3	97 9 1½	127 3 5½	150 1 6

GIFTS FOR SERMONS AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES,

City of Bristol, 16th October, 1822.

INCOME.	OBJECT.	FUTURE DISTRIBUTION.
£ s. d.		
0 10 0	Sermon on Michaelmas-day.	
1 12 4¼	ditto on Easter Tuesday.	
1 12 4¼	ditto on ditto.	
1 12 4¼	ditto on Christmas-day	
1 0 0	ditto on 5th April	
1 5 0	ditto on Good Friday.	
1 17 6	part ditto on 1st March.	
2 3 2		
11 12 8¾		
2 12 0	weekly bread	Bread weekly on the Sabbath.
2 10 0	ditto	
2 16 2	ditto	

(continued)

Scheme for the Distribution of the several Gifts

DONORS' NAMES.	AMOUNT.	INVESTMENT.
	£ s. d.	*Bread Gifts*—continued.
Elizabeth Wiggins	10 0 0	Rent charge, part of a rent of 50*s.* issuing out of a house in Christmas-street, paid by J. Wadham ..
Thomas Stretton	25 0 0	part of said 50*s.* paid by D. Llewellin .....
Captain John Williams	10 0 0	part of 475*l.* 15*s.* three per cent. reduced, in the names of Ward, Lansdown, Rogers, and Prideaux .....
Mary Yardley	.....	£55 4*s.* 5*d.* navy, part of Navy five per cents, now transferred into new four per cents .....
Thomas Farmer	rent charge	out of two houses in Narrow Lewin's Mead, the property of Mrs. Watkins .....
Anthony Hodges	.....	lands at Shirehampton .....
Anne Rixon	10 0 0	rent charges out of the messuages in Baldwin-street ..... £ s. d. 0 13 4
Alexander James	10 0 0	two tenements in Baft-street, now paid by the Chamber 0 12 0
Benjamin Willoughby	5 5 0	
William Cooke and Vestry	20 0 0	ren charge issuing out of a house in Stipe-street, the property of J. B. Bence .. ..
Elizabeth Bristow.....	30 0 0	*see* Elizabeth Bristow, above .....
Peter Davis	150 0 0	*see* Peter Davis, above .....
Ann Hort	50 0 0	£64 2*s.* 11½*d.* part of £910 7*s.* 6*d.* *See* Brain's gift..
Jeremy Hallway	15 0 0	art of 50*s.* issuing out of houses in Christmas-street ..
Elizabeth Addison Day	20 0 0	£22 13*s.* 11*d.* part of £475 15*s.* three per cents. reduced
		General Poor:
George White	rent charge	house on St. Michael's hill, belonging to the feoffees of St. Werburg..... .....
Thomas Clements.....	rent charge	issuing out of four tenements, three of which are situate in Broadmead, and the other in St. Peter's parish..
Mary Jones	300 0 0	invested in 319*l.* 10*s.* three per cent. consols.....
Eusebius Brooke	rent charge	issuing out of houses in Tinker's close .....
Ann Whitton	20 0 0	part of 634*l.* 2*s.* four per cents .....
Ann Bricklade	40 0 0	part of 634*l.* 2*s.* four per cents.....
Nelme Rogers	50 0 0	part of 634*l.* 2*s.* four per cents.....
Henry Muggleworth	10 10 0	part of 910*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* four per cents producing .....
Thomas Jones	100 0 0	part of 910*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* four per cents.....
Dorothy Hand	50 0 0	purchased into the Navy five per cents .....
Isaac Hobhouse	100 0 0	part of 634*l.* 2*s.* four per cents .....
Elizabeth Neville	50 0 0	part of 475*l.* 15*s.* three per cents reduced .....
		Housekeepers, Widows, Burgesses, and Orphans.
Joseph Jackson	.....	in the chamber.....
Robert Kitchen	.....	in the corporation.....
Francis Gleede	part of a rent charge	out of a messuage in High-street, in the occupation of Henry Toye .....
James Seward	rent charge	out of a messuage in the holding of John Yeaman, and out of cellars adjoining, in the parish of St. Leonard
Richard Percival	100 0 0	part of 475*l.* 15*s.* three per cent. reduced .....
Robert Bridle	50 0 0	part of 141*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* four per cent. stock.....
George Harrington.....	.....	in the chamber.....
Martha Hunt.....	50 0 0	part of 634*l.* 2*s.* four per cent. stock .....

for Sermons and Charitable purposes, &c.—*continued.*

INCOME. £ s. d.	OBJECT.	FUTURE DISTRIBUTION.
0 12 0	bread on first Sunday of each month, to poor housekeepers.	bread weekly on the Sabbath.
1 5 6	weekly bread	
0 6 7¾		
2 15 2		
2 10 0		
15 7 5¾		
9 0 0	(less taxes) bread to housekeepers annually on the 11th and 17th June.	bread annually at Christmas.
1 5 4	bread annually	
1 0 0	bread annually at Christmas	
1 12 4¾	bread on Christmay-day	
3 1 10⅝	bread on 1st March	
2 11 3¾	bread on 1st January	
0 12 6	bread annually	
0 13 7	bread on 4th June	
19 17 0¼		
5 0 0	discretionary to the poor in general	discretionary.
1 0 0	discretionary to the poor	
9 11 8	to the poor	
10 0 0	to the poor	
1 1 7¼	to the poor	
2 3 2¼	to the poor, on 2d January	
2 13 11¼	to the poor	
0 10 3¼	to the poor	
5 8 2	to the poor	
2 7 1	to the poor	
5 7 11	to the poor	
1 13 1¾	to the poor on 4th October and 22d February	
46 16 11¾		
1 15 0	to freemen or their widows	to be distributed, as far as practicable, according to the directions of the several donors.
1 10 0	to poor burgesses or their widows	
1 18 0		
2 0 0	to poor housekeepers	
3 6 3¼	to poor housekeepers on 30th June	
2 11 3⅝	to five poor widows	
0 10 0	to some poor householder	
2 13 11¼	to poor widows or fatherless children	
16 4 6¼		

Scheme for the Distribution of the several Gifts

DONORS' NAMES.	AMOUNT.	INVESTMENT.
	£ s. d.	*Clothing:*
Thomas Moore	rent charge	issuing out of two houses on St. James's Back ..... £ 4 s. 7 d. 6
He gave a further sum	50 0 0	part of 475*l.* 15*s.* 3 per cents reduced 1 13 1½
		Education:
Philip Freeke	60 0 0	part of 475*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*, 4 per cents.....
Thomas Dymock	50 0 0	67*l.* 9*s.* 1¾*d.*, part of 634*l.* 2*s.*, 4 per cents., mentioned in Brain's case .....
Ann Frazier	100 0 0	purchased into the four per cents .....
		Church Lands:
Bartholomew Russell	.....	a freehold house, in Horse-street, demised to Ames, Wright & Co.....
The mayor, burgesses, &c.....	.....	triangular piece of ground in Stipe-street, demised to J. Wadham .....
Ann Frazier	100 0 0	purchased into the four per cents .....
Ditto	40 0 0	.....
Sarah Hale	100 0 0	155*l.* 1*s.* four per cents, part of 1,558*l.* 11*s.* mentioned in Frazier's case .....
Mr. Brown ..... £30..... Mr. Lucas ..... £30.....	60 0 0	89*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* four per cents, part of 1,558*l.* 11*s.* above mentioned .....
		Coal:
— Cox	.....	paid by the chamberlain, said to be gratuitous.

for Sermons and Charitable purposes, &c.—*continued.*

INCOME.	OBJECT.	FUTURE DISTRIBUTION.
£ s. d.		
6 0 7½	to the poor in clothing.	to be distributed as far as practicable according to the directions of the several donors.
1 19 9¼	for the education of 3 poor boys in the St. Michael and St. Augustine charity schools.	
2 13 11¼	for the education of poor boys in the said charity school.	
4 0 0	to the St. Michael and St. Augustine charity schools.	
8 13 8½		
5 0 0	to repair the church.	
5 0 0	water for the parishioners.	
4 0 0	to repair the church.	
.....	to purchase a fire engine.	
6 4 2	to repair the church, and keep the fire engine in good order.	
3 11 8	church money.	
23 15 10		
0 10 0	to the poor, in coal.	

PARISH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

William Tucker's Charity.
John Brown's Gift.
John Mathews's Gift.
George Snow's Gift.
Alice Webb's Gift.
William Challoner's Gift.
Alderman John Whitson's Gift.
Alderman Harrington's and Alderman Kitchen's Gifts.
Alderman John Langton's and Sir Thomas Langton's rent-charges.
William Pitt's Gift.
Roger Hurte's Gift.
William Burrough's Gift.
John Herry's Gift.
Abraham Berkin's Gift.
Michael Deyos's Gift.
Elizabeth Hall's Charity.
Charities combined in the purchase of an estate called the Forlorn Hope.
Mrs. Joan Mitchell's Charity.
Charles Roynon's Gift.
Mrs. William Evans's Charity.
The Rev. Dr. John Reade's Gift.
James Croft's Gift.
Alderman William Jackson's Gift.
William Bayley's Gift.
Captain John Williams's Gift.
Christopher Wallis's Charity.
Joseph Whitchurch's Gift.
Derrick Popley's Gift.
John Britain's Charity.
Alice James's Charity.
Richard Leversedge's Charity.
Mrs. Elizabeth Tudor's Charity.
Dr. John Gaskarth's Charity.
John Haythorn's Charity.
John Stephens's Charity.
The gift of Thomas Hungerford, sen.
Paul Weston's Charity.
Richard Willett's Charity.
Nathan Drew's Charity.
The gift of Thomas Hungerford, jun.
Gregory Bush's Gift.
Walter Lougher's Charity.
Mrs. Mary Potter's Gift.
Mrs. Mary Packer's Charity.
Mrs. Mary Innys's Charity.
Thomas Terrett's Charity.
Henry Bright's Gift.
John Help's Charity.
James Stevens's Gift.
The gifts of Elizabeth Holmes, spinster, and Mary Holmes, widow, her mother.
Robert Salmon's Charity.
Mary Bannister's Gift.
Abraham Wiggenton's Charity.
Benjamin Hill's Charity.
Richard Aldridge's Charity.
Paul Orchard's Charity.
Cox's Gift.
The school in the almshouse, with the gifts of Mr. Alderman Harris, Thomas Smartfoot, and Paul Orchard.
The almshouse.
General exposition, and proposed arrangement of the Charities of the Parish of St. Nicholas.

WILLIAM TUCKER'S CHARITY.

IN an old vellum book, kept in the church chest, there is a copy of the will of William Tucker, bearing date 1583, whereby the said testator gave and devised the reversion of all that messuage and tenement, some time two messuages, with the appurtenances, wherein he then dwelt, situate and being upon the bridge of Avon, within the city of Bristol; and also of his messuage, with the appurtenances, in St. Nicholas-street, within the said city, subject to certain life interests therein mentioned, to four of the ancient persons within the said parish of St. Nicholas, which had been mayors or sheriffs of the said city, and to their heirs and assigns, for ever, to the intent that the said four persons should grant over the same to sixteen other persons of the same parish, in trust, to dispose and bestow the issues and profits thereof as follows, viz. to and for the relief of the poor people within the said parish, 40*s.* yearly, for ever; to a learned preacher, to preach one sermon in the parish church aforesaid, yearly, for ever, upon the first Sunday after Trinity Sunday, 6*s.* 8*d.*; and all the residue for and towards the reparations of the said church.

The messuage described in the will, as being upon the bridge of Avon, was taken down and sold, about sixty years ago, when the present bridge was built.

For this and other houses, belonging to the parish, sold upon this occasion, the parish received from the bridge trustees the sum of 1,241*l.* 6*s.* What proportion of this sum is attributable to the above house, the books do not make appear. The whole was laid out in government stock, where it remained for about fifty years, when it was sold out, and applied in the purchase of a freehold estate, consisting of 5A. 2R. 15P. at the Red Clift, in the parish of Bedminster, in the county of Somerset, which estate was conveyed to the parish feoffees, to the like uses and trusts as were appointed and directed, touching and concerning the hereditaments and premises sold and disposed of under the act for building the new bridge. One acre and twenty-seven perches, part of the above land, was sold in August, 1821, to the trustees of the Winford and Dundry roads, under the compulsory power in their act, for 292*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*, and the land so sold now forms part of the coronation road. The money received was taken by the vestry into their general fund, of which it still constitutes a part.

The parish has some property in St. Nicholas-street, which is considered as including the messuage devised by the above will, or at least the site on which the ancient house stood, though it may be difficult to say which of the parish tenements answers to

the premises devised by the said will; it is thought, however, that the identity might be traced, if carefully investigated; but the tenements in St. Nicholas-street are all warehouses, and each one of them is sufficient in value to cover the amount of the sums directed to be paid by the will.

Forty shillings per annum appear by the books to have been regularly paid, in two sums of 20*s*. each, at Easter and Midsummer, to the poor recommended by the vestry to the churchwardens. The objects are selected from among the most necessitous of the parishioners; but the relief is not confined to persons not receiving parish pay.

The 6*s*. 8*d*. is regularly paid to the vicar, for a sermon preached on the first Sunday after Trinity Sunday.

JOHN BROWN'S GIFT.

This charity is derived under an indenture, a copy of which is preserved in the same book as mentioned in the last case.

Indenture produced, bearing date 20th May, 28 Elizabeth, made between John Brown, of Bristol, alderman, of the one part; and William Bird and others, of the other part; whereby it is witnessed, that the said John Brown did thereby grant and confirm unto the said William Bird and others, all the reversion of that his messuage and tenement, then or late in the occupation of Roger Cooke, for a term of years then unexpired, situate in the suburbs of Bristol, in the parish of St. Philip, in a street there, called Redcross-street, between a tenement of Henry Basse on the east part, and a tenement belonging to the parish church of St. Philip on the west part, and extending from the said street, on the south part, to the water of Frome behind, on the north part, with the appurtenances, and all manner of hereditaments belonging to the said messuage or tenement; to hold the same to the said William Bird and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, to this only use, intent, and purpose, that they, their heirs and assigns, should permit and suffer the said John Brown to enjoy the same for his life, and that after the decease of the said John Brown, the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns, should yearly bestow and employ the sum of 26*s*. 8*d*. of the rents and profits of the said premises, in shirts and smocks to be given to the poor people of the almshouse in the Marsh, called the Merchants' almshouse, for the first year after the decease of the said John Brown, and the second and third years following the like shirts and smocks to be given to the poor people of the parish of St. Nicholas, by the distribution of the proctors of the said parish; and then the next year following the same to be given to the poor people of the almshouse in the Marsh again, and then to the poor people of St. Nicholas, for two years then following; and so this order to continue for ever: and all the residue of the rents and profits of the said premises the said feoffees to be bestowed and employed upon the reparations of the said church of St. Nicholas, as need should require, by the discretion of the minister and proctors of thesaid parish church of St. Nicholas, for the time being.

The indenture then contains a provision for the renewal of the feoffees, when their number should be reduced to four, by a conveyance of the premises to sixteen other persons of the same parish.

The parish has several houses, it is said as many as seven, in Redcross-street, some of which, if not the whole, have been derived under this conveyance. They are all let upon lives or renewable terms of years, the chief rents of which amount to 5*l.* 5*s.* per annum.

According to the parish books, the sum of 26*s.* 8*d.* has been annually paid, and it appears to have been properly apportioned between the merchants' almshouse and the poor of St. Nicholas; but the entries in the books have erroneously represented the payment for many years past as being made to the elder brother of the merchants' almshouse, every year. In point of fact, however, the times of giving the benefaction to this parish, and to the merchants' almshouse, appear to have been correctly observed. In many of the accounts of an earlier date, the payment, both to the almshouse and to the poor of St. Nicholas, are recorded. The money, which is laid out in shifts to the poor in the said parish, is usually greatly more than the 26*s.* 8*d.*, and is considered as including that sum.

The benefit of the charity is confined to the almshouse in King-street, where there are fifteen poor women; and each of them, for two years successively, out of every three years, have a shift given to them, which this year came to 2*l.* 5*s.* and have always cost more than the 26*s.* 8*d.*

The board in the church correctly specifies the mode of distribution directed by the deed of gift, as follows:—

"John Brown, Esquire, alderman, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per annum, for twelve shirts and shifts, for six men and six women, two years to this parish, and one year to the merchants' almshouse, for ever."

JOHN MATHEWS'S GIFT.

The church board states this gift, as follows:—

"Mr. John Mathews, 40*s.* per annum; 20*s.* at Easter and 20*s.* at Christmas, for ever."

To which inscription there is no date.

As far back in the accounts as the year 1603, we find mention made of Mr. Mathews's gift. By an entry of that year, under the head of "The accounts of moneys received besides the church rents," it is thus recorded:—

"Imprimis, rec^{d} of Mr. B———, alderman, in moneys to be given to the poor of St. Nicholas parish, for the gift of Mr. Dr. Mathews's father, which issueth out of a house upon the bridge, now in the tenure of William Tovey, ironmonger, 20*l.*"

And from that period, through a course of years there are either entries of the payment of Mathews's money by name, or accounts of moneys paid, which appear to include

this gift. The house was demolished under the Bridge act, for which the parish received a compensation, which compensation was laid out as already mentioned, in the report of Tucker's charity. The vestry, therefore, consider the estate so purchased, as in the above case mentioned, with the compensation money, as chargeable with this annual donation.

Of late years the payment to the poor in virtue of this gift has been regularly entered in the name of John Mathews, and given to the poor in general.

GEORGE SNOW'S GIFT.

George Snow, by his will, dated 19th March, 1596, gave and devised unto the feoffees of the lands belonging to St. Nicholas parish church in Bristol, and their feoffees there, for ever, all that his house and tenement in Tucker-street, next adjoining to the dye-house, and corner tenement wherein William Weale dwelt, conditionally, that they should permit, and suffer, his executors or assigns to erect a tomb or monument in the ground, either at the very foot of the great stairs, or at the side thereof, which should be most convenient. And that the said feoffees and their heirs should yearly cause a sermon to be preached by some learned godly man, on the Sunday next before the feast day of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, in St. Nicholas church, for ever; and should also give, and cause to be distributed yearly, for ever, 20*s*. amongst the poor of the same parish, viz. 10*s*. at Michaelmas, and other 10*s*. at Christmas, where most need should be.

The parish are in possession of the tenement in Tucker-street, which is let upon lease determinable with lives, for which, for these one hundred years, the chief-rent has not been less than 4*l*.

Whether the tomb was built is not known; but with respect to the sermon to be preached on the Sunday before St. John the Baptist's day, it is stated that, on every Sunday throughout the year, there is a sermon preached in the morning, and 6*s*. 8*d*. has been always paid to the minister, as appears from the books. The 20*s*. by the entries in the same books, has been always paid to the general poor of the parish, from the earliest period to the present time, in small sums of money. The churchwarden always expects a written recommendation.

As the will directs that the feoffees should cause a sermon to be preached on every Sunday before the feast of St John the Baptist, it did not appear to us that the object of the testator was substantially satisfied by the 6*s*. 8*d*.; and the vestry agreed in thinking that sum an inadequate remuneration: it was therefore resolved, that the same should be increased to 1*l*. 1*s*.

ALICE WEBB'S GIFT.

By a deed-poll, executed by Alderman John Whitson, bearing date 5th December, 1614, reciting, that Alice Webb, late wife of John Webb, one of the aldermen of

Bristol, by her last will, bearing date 24th February, 11th Jac. I, had given and devised the inheritance in fee of her garden, situate in Lewin's Mead, within the suburbs of Bristol, unto him the said John Whitson, his heirs and assigns, for ever, upon trust, to convey the same unto the feoffees of the church lands of St. Nicholas, in the said city, and to their heirs and assigns for ever, to the intent and purpose that the whole benefit, rent, and profit thereof, might be yearly given and distributed by the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns, to the poor people of the said parish of St. Nicholas, on Good Friday in every year, for ever; he the said John Whitson, in performance of the trust reposed in him by the said Alice Webb, did grant, enfeoff, and confirm unto William Hicks, and others, feoffees of the church lands aforesaid, their heirs and assigns, all that the said garden with the appurtenances, lying and being in Lewin's Mead, within the suburbs of the said city, and late in the occupation of John Merricke, merchant; to hold the same to them and their heirs and assigns, for ever, to the intent and purpose, that they should yearly, and every year, on Good Friday, for ever, give and distribute the whole yearly rent, benefit, and profit of the said garden unto the poor people of the parish of St. Nicholas, according to the true intent and meaning of the last will of the said Alice Webb.

The ground originally called the Garden is now, and has long been, covered with houses, which have been always let upon leases for lives, with quit-rents and fines. The first notice of this gift, and the application of it, appears in the accounts for the year 1629. There is a chasm in the books previous to that date from 1604, and we do not find any mention of it in the antecedent accounts.

It appears that these premises continued in the state of a garden, for which 20*s*. per annum was paid as the rent, till about the year 1640, when a house was built upon it; but the money paid upon this house has never been more than 1*l*., and there is a regular account of that payment to the poor down to the present time.

There is mention made, about the year 1743, of two tenements being late the garden given by Mrs. Alice Webb; but still 20*s*. a year appears to be the rent. It appears that the premises continued to consist only of a garden and two tenements till the year 1786, paying only the above chief-rent, when the leasehold interest fell into hand by the death of the last life. The two houses were then let separately, and the garden was divided into several plots, and let upon building leases for lives, with building covenants upon which were reserved chief-rents, amounting altogether to 6*l*. 10*s*.

It appears, from the head of Accidental Moneys in the account books for the year 1786, that there was received of "Edward Stock, for a lease on three lives, on a house lately sold him in Lewin's Mead ..... £34.

"Received of —— Till Adams, for a lease on three lives, on several houses, and some ground belonging thereto, lately sold him in Lewin's Mead .. £87." which agrees with the prices mentioned in a report made to the vestry, as stated in the vestry minute-book, held 25th May, 1786. But it should be observed that the lease to —— Till Adams comprised only one house, the rest being vacant ground for building.

We are led to the conclusion, that the property which was the subject of the above-mentioned leases, corresponds with that which is described as a garden in the will of Alice Webb, by finding in a preceding minute of the 24th of February, 1786, in the vestry-book, that the premises so leased to Robert Till Adams, and Edward Stock, had then lately fallen into hand by the death of George Adderly, whose name appears in the ledger

as far back as 1742, as paying a chief-rent of 1*l.* for two tenements in Lewin's Mead, which 1*l.* has been the rent constantly paid from the earliest period, and the parish has no other premises on that side of the street in Lewin's Mead.

The fines received upon the renewals of these premises have been as follow:—

	£	s.	d.
There was a renewal of a life in November, 1786, of a part of the premises held by Till Adams, for a fine of	22	0	0
Another renewal of the same premises in 1791, for	25	0	0
Another renewal in the year 1794, for the premises leased to Edward Stock, for	21	0	0
The same last-mentioned premises were again renewed in 1809, for which was paid	30	0	0
And another renewal in 1814 was made of other part of the premises, held by Robert Till Adams, for	80	0	0
	£178	0	0

Thus the only payment made to the poor under Alice Webb's will, notwithstanding the alterations and improvement of the property, has continued down to the present time to be only the original 20*s.*: but it sufficiently appears, that the vestry had no knowledge, before our inquiry commenced, that these premises had been given by Alice Webb, or that they were bound to pay more in respect of Alice Webb's donation than the 20*s.* per annum, which had been paid by their predecessors from the earliest period.

The inspection of the deed by us furnished the first information on the subject; and it would seem that the total want of information, as to this gift, occasioned there being no date put to it on the church board.

By an entry in the books it appears, that when these premises were renewed to Richard Paine, in 1727, they were described as the garden in Lewin's Mead.

The counterpart of the lease was produced, dated 19th March, 1727, in which Elizabeth Adderly, and George Adderly, aged 17, were the then lives, in which lease the premises are described as having been some time the inheritance of Alice Webb, widow, and by her given to good and pious uses in the parish of St. Nicholas.

By the general feoffment of the parish lands in 1690, the premises are described as "one garden ground walled round, some time of Alice Webb, widow, with the houses and buildings thereon erected, now in the holding of Elizabeth Hook, widow, and Richard Paine, haberdasher, their or one of their tenants and assigns, situate and being in the parish of St. James, in a street there called Lewin's Mead, between the lands some time of Sir George Snygge, Knight, and afterwards of Christopher Whitson, distiller, on the south and west parts, and a tenement late also of the inheritance of the said Christopher Whitson, on the north part, and Lewin's Mead, on the east part," which is precisely the same description of the premises as is contained in the first feoffment after her death, executed in the year 1620.

On the 26th March, 1823, we were attended by the churchwardens and some of the gentlemen of the vestry, when the evidence on this case being read over to them, they stated that they were satisfied that the property in Lewin's Mead, mentioned in the preceding evidence, was all of the gift of Alice Webb, and agreed that the future rents and profits of the estate should be applied to the purposes of her will.

As the almshouse, by absorbing many of the general charities of this parish, gives them an application, as it is at present constituted, probably much opposed to the real intentions of the donors, especially where they direct the benefactions to persons not receiving alms; and as there are many gifts expressly confined to the almswomen; and considering also, that this donation of Alice Webb, which may hereafter produce considerable fines, is wholly within the discretion of the vestry to appropriate, as they please, to the use of the poor, we suggested for the consideration of the vestry, whether it might not be desirable, under the circumstances, to lay up the future casual profits of the estate given by Alice Webb, until they should accumulate to a sum sufficient, together with the other charities appropriated to the almshouse, to take it out of its present condition as a mere receptacle for paupers, and place it upon the footing of an asylum for the reception of persons of a more respectable sort, which arrangement appeared to the vestry to promise much advantage to the parish; and accordingly they proposed to adopt it in principle, subject to any future modification which circumstances might recommend.

WILLIAM CHALLONER'S GIFT.

By a copy of the will of William Challoner, contained in the vellum book before referred to, it appears that the said testator, by his said will, dated 19th June, 1620, gave and bequeathed unto the then feoffees of the messuages, lands, and hereditaments, belonging to the parish church of St. Nicholas, in Bristol, and to their heirs and assigns for ever, one annuity or yearly sum of 3*l.* 5*s.* to be issuing out of three tenements in Back-street, in Bristol, in the holdings therein mentioned, and to be paid quarterly, at the four usual feasts of payment in the year, by even portions, with a power of distress for enforcing payment, to the intent that the churchwardens of the said parish, for the time being, should on every Saturday in the year, for ever, provide and give at prayer time in the afternoon, six twopenny loaves of bread, unto six poor people; and to the intent further, that the said churchwardens should yearly, for ever, give 10*s.* to some sufficient preacher to make a sermon once a year, upon the 19th of January, yearly.

The first entry of this gift is in 1629, and is as follows:—

"Robert Challoner, for two tenements and a well-house, which was the gift of his father, deceased ..... £3 5*s.* 0*d.*"

The feoffees have considerable property in Back-street, and the old feoffments show that the three tenements were the subject of a conveyance to the feoffees, which have passed down by subsequent conveyances to succeeding feoffees.

It appears too that, soon after the will, the houses were treated as the absolute property of the feoffees.

The sermon has been regularly preached, and 10*s.* paid for it. With respect to the 1*s.* a week in bread, it is to be observed that a regular weekly distribution of bread takes place in this parish, which seems to include this among others; but the better to ascer-

tain this point, we shall exhibit a comparison between the amount of what ought to be distributed, according to the aggregate amount of the charitable gifts, and what has been actually distributed in the parish.

ALDERMAN JOHN WHITSON'S CHARITY.

THIS benefaction is stated thus on the church table :—" 1628. John Whitson, Esq., alderman, 50*s*. per annum, to poor housekeepers; and 40*s*. to this church; and 20*s*. for two sermons on 28th October, and 7th November, for ever."

By referring to the account of the Red Maids' school and the other charities, under the will of Alderman Whitson, given in the Sixth Report, page 494,* it will be seen, that the said alderman, by his will, dated 27th March, 1627, among a great variety of charitable donations, gave 500*l*. to the mayor and commonalty of Bristol, 250*l*. whereof was to be lent in sums of 50*l*. each to five persons, as therein described, for the term therein mentioned, and at the end of seven years to other five persons for another seven years, and so on, *toties quoties*, at 10*s*. annual interest for each 50*l*. making together 50*s*. a year, which he appointed to be distributed at Christmas, every year, among such poor householders dwelling within the parish of St. Nicholas, as the churchwardens and minister of the said parish, for the time being, should nominate and appoint; and that he also gave unto the feoffees of the lands and tenements belonging to the parish church of St. Nicholas, an annuity of 3*l*. a year out of a messuage over against St. Nicholas crowde door, to the intent that 40*s*. thereof should be employed upon the reparations of the church, and 20*s*. residue thereof should be given to two honest and learned preachers, to be appointed by the mayor of Bristol, for preaching two sermons before the mayor and aldermen, the one on the day of St. Simon and St. Jude, and the other on the 7th day of November.

By a deed-poll, bearing date 10th February, 1639, reciting the said will of John Whitson, so far as related to the said annual sum of 50*s*. to be paid with the interest of the said loan money, the chamberlain, with the consent of the mayor and commonalty, did grant and agree to and with the said then feoffees of the church of St. Nicholas, that the said sum of 50*s*. should be yearly paid by the said chamberlain and his successors, to the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns, on St. Andrew's-day, yearly, for ever, to the intent, that the said feoffees should cause the said 50*s*. per annum to be distributed and disposed, yearly for ever, against Christmas-day in every year, according to the true intent and meaning of the said will.

The chamberlain pays the 50*s*. so secured to the feoffees, annually, as appears by the entries in the books; and the persons relieved are said to be poor housekeepers; but the books do not express the number of the persons receiving this benefaction, or the amounts of the sums given.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 45.

The premises, described in the will as being situate over against St. Nicholas crowde door, are not in existence; they were pulled down about the year 1761, to open the passage to the bridge, under the powers of the bridge act; and the sum of 89*l.* 12*s.* was paid by the bridge commissioners, as a compensation for the house; this appears by an entry in the parish ledger for the year 1761, under a heading to the following effect:—

"Money received by the accountant of the bridge trustees on their purchasing several houses, lands, tenements, gifts, and rents, belonging to Saint Nicholas church, on or near the bridge, as valued at the quarter sessions, by the several juries impannelled for that purpose, pursuant to act of Parliament."

In the list of premises sold on that occasion appears the following item:—

"Alderman Whitson's gift of 3*l.* and quit-rent of 4*s.* out of Stokesby house £89 12 0"

The quit-rent of 4*s.* is supposed to have been an ancient property of the church, unconnected with Whitson's donation.

The 89*l.* 12*s.* made a part of the purchase money of the Redclift estate, as stated in the case of William Tucker's charity. The 40*s.* a year is included in a much larger sum, which is annually expended upon the church. The 20*s.* a year makes a part of the sum paid to the vicar annually for sermons.

ALDERMAN HARRINGTON'S AND ALDERMAN KITCHEN'S GIFTS.

See these charities reported under the corporation charities, Sixth and Eighth Reports.*

The sum of 4*l.* is regularly received by the churchwardens from the chamberlain, on account of these charities, and paid to poor housekeepers, according the respective wills of the donors.

ALDERMAN JOHN LANGTON AND SIR THOMAS LANGTON'S RENT-CHARGES.

The manner in which the donation of John Langton is stated on the church table is as follows:—

"John Langton, Esquire, alderman, 40*s.* per annum to four housekeepers, quarterly, and 12*s.* for a sermon at Horfield, on the first Sunday in Lent, for ever."

In the parish ledger, beginning with 1629, we find, under the head of quarterly distributions, the following entry, in the third page of the book:—

* Vide vol. i. pp. 94 and 136.

"Mr. Alderman Langton, unto four poor housekeepers, 2*l.*; to wit, at Midsummer, Michaelmas, Christmas, and Easter, 10*s.*, to be received of his son William Langton, out of a house in Temple-street, in his possession ..... £2."

This annual sum appears by the books to have been received out of premises in Temple-street, down to the year 1742, and duly applied.

Of the charge fixed upon these premises by Sir Thomas Langton, the origin does not with positive certainty appear; but in the old ledger, taking up the accounts from 1629, there is a list of benefactions introduced in the pages at the beginning of the book, which precede the regular commencement of the accounts, among which is found the following item, appearing to belong to the year 1670 :—

"Sir Thomas Langton gave 50*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor in bread, weekly, for ever, and 20*s.* for a sermon to be preached on Good Friday, for ever."

The same book also, in the account for the year 1677, notices the same gift, under the following head :—

"The rent roll of the lands and tenements, belonging to the parish church of St. Nicholas, in the city of Bristol, commencing the 25th of March, 1677, and ending 25th of March, 1678, given up in account by Walter Stevens, churchwarden for the same year, to the vestry of the said parish, that, besides the rent of 2*l.* 12*s.*, charged upon the house late the gift of Alderman Langton, another rent of 3*l.* was charged by Sir Thomas Langton on the same house, making together a total of 5*l.* 12*s.* per annum, charged upon those premises."

An extract from the will of Sir Thomas Langton, dated 16th May, 1672, was afterwards procured at Doctors Commons, and which is as follows :—

"Item.—I give to the poor of St. Nicholas parish the sum of 50*l.*; the profit thereof I will shall be distributed weekly in bread, on every Sabbath day, and the charge thereof shall issue, and be made good to the churchwardens of the said parish successively, by my executors as aforesaid, for ever, out of my house in Temple-street; also I give 20*s.* to the said parish for a sermon, to be preached annually on Good Friday, in the morning, by the minister then resident in the said parish, for ever, to be likewise issuing out of said house in Temple-street."

In the account for 1743, it appears that the whole annual sum, then considered as a charge upon the said premises in Temple-street, was 6*l.* 12*s.*, the sermon given by Sir Thomas Langton being then included. The church board makes no mention of any annuity of 3*l.* or 4*l.*, (with the sermon), as being charged upon the premises in Temple-street; but the board does state a gift by Sir Thomas Langton in the following terms :—

"Sir Thomas Langton 50*l.*, the interest in bread to the poor weekly, and 1*l.* per annum for a sermon, on Good Friday, for ever;" which statement agrees precisely with the item above extracted from the ledger, as entered under the date of 1670; and as six per cent. was the usual interest at that time, there would be 4*l.* a year paid upon the gift of Sir Thomas Langton, supposing it to be 50*l.* in money, and 1*l.* for the sermon, as stated in the account for 1670, and also upon the church table, so that the probable inference is, that the annual 4*l.* afterwards stated to have been charged upon the premises in Temple-street, and the gift of Sir Thomas Langton, recorded as above, were one and the same donation.

Thus this 6*l.* 12*s.* appears to have been regularly brought to account, as received, to

the year 1742, inclusively. From that year there appears to have been a total discontinuance of the receipt of 6*l.* 12*s.*, or any part of it. For several years, however, after this period this sum continued to be paid; but in the minute book, under the date of the 18th January, 1747, we find the following minute:—

"Whereas the house in Temple-street, charged with several charities to this parish, being the gifts of ——— Langton, and ——— Langton, deceased, hath been in decay and uninhabited for several years last past, so that the arrears for the said charities do now amount to 33*l.*, which money has been already advanced and paid out of the church stock, and there being at present no likelihood of their making much of the said house, only 40*s.* a year having been offered for a long lease thereof; it is therefore ordered, that the churchwardens shall not for the future advance or pay the said charities, except only as to 20*s.* a year for a sermon, to be preached on Good Friday, till further orders of this vestry." With eleven signatures to the same.

There are many succeeding entries in the minute book of the appointment of persons to confer with the vestry of Temple parish on the subject of this charity, and to report their answer; but there is no minute of any report being made by any person so deputed.

It seems plain, however, from the circumstance of the rent being always carried out in arrear till within these three or four years past, that, though the thing was kept up in memory, no means had been found of obtaining payment of the annual charge, or of the arrears thereof; and it is presumable, from the ruinous condition in which the premises appear to have long been, that they were not even in a state to have been let, so as to have been made productive. The vestry of Temple parish seem not to have been disposed to pay up the arrears; and the probability is, that no one could be found to take the premises, subject to these arrears.

Mr. Preston Edgar has been acquainted with the parish, and its affairs, since he first served the office of churchwarden, which was in or about the year 1805, but he does not remember, since he has been either churchwarden or feoffee, the payment of 6*l.* 12*s.*, or any other annual sum, out of any property vested in the feoffees of Temple parish, to the feoffees or vestry of St. Nicholas parish.

With respect to Alderman John Langton's gift of 40*s.* to poor housekeepers, we find, by the books, that that has been continually paid.

The 12*s.* for a sermon at Horfield was paid by the vestry, as long as the vicar chose to go to Horfield to preach it, which has ceased to be the case for a great many years.

As to the bread, part of the gift of Sir Thomas Langton, it may be concluded, from the resolutions in the book before adverted to, that it has not been paid from time to time above specified, viz. the year 1747, to the present time.

There is no mention of any specific application of this, nor of any other bread gifts, in the books. Whether it is covered by the general bread distribution will be seen at the end of these cases.

The 20*s.* given by Sir Thomas Langton to the clergyman, for the sermon on Good Friday, has been regularly paid; indeed it is necessary to suppose it paid, in order to make up the 14*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* which he receives for sermons.

WILLIAM PITT'S GIFT.

This gift is thus expressed on the church board:—

"Mr. William Pitt, 50*l.*, the interest in bread to the poor weekly, for ever."

In the list of benefactions prefixed to the old ledger, before referred to, there is the following entry:—

"29th September, 1650.

"Mr. William Pitt twelve-pence a week, in bread, to the parish for ever, who died coming home from the East Indies ..... £2 12*s.*"

This money was received by the vestry, and the interest, at the rate of 1*s.* a week, has been applied, in bread, to the poor ever since.

ROGER HURTE'S GIFT.

The table in the church represents Mr. Roger Hurte to have given 6*s.* 8*d.* for a sermon on the 24th June, for ever.

This is entered among the list of benefactions at the beginning of the ledger before alluded to; and it is also one of the gifts for many years back hung up in the vestry.

It has always been regularly paid, and goes to make up the 14*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* before mentioned.

WILLIAM BURROUGH'S GIFT.

According to the church board, "Mr. William Burrough gave 1*l.* for a sermon on the 3d of May, for ever."

This is in the list of benefactions in the old ledger, and also in the list in the vestry, and is regularly paid.

JOHN HENRY'S GIFT.

By the list of benefactions in the old ledger, before referred to, this gift is thus stated:—

"Mr. John Henry, a sermon on St. John's-day, to be paid out of the house on the bridge in which Mr. Edward Morgan, the upholsterer, lived."

This house, together with the other property on the bridge, was demolished for the purposes of the Bridge act. The rent-charge of 10*s.* was compensated for by the payment of 14*l.*, which 14*l.* made a part of the purchase money of the Redcliff estate, mentioned in Tucker's charity. This appears by an entry in the account book, where a list is given of the compensation moneys. This gift is also enumerated in the list hung up in the vestry, and is regularly paid.

ABRAHAM BIRKIN'S GIFT.

It appears by the will of Abraham Birkin, set out among the Temple charities, dated 18th November, 1668, that the said testator charged upon the two parcels of ground within the hundred of Barton Regis, thereby devised to the feoffees of the church lands of St. Mary Port, in Bristol, the sum of 40*s.* yearly, by 10*s.* a piece, to four poor people dwelling in the parish of St. Nicholas, not receiving alms.

This annual sum of 40*s.* has been regularly paid, by the churchwardens of St. Mary Port, to the churchwardens of St. Nicholas, from the earliest time to the present.

It is paid to four poor housekeepers annually, at Michaelmas, in equal sums.

The books do not contain a list of the persons receiving it; but we have recommended it to be done in future.

MICHAEL DEYOS'S GIFT.

In the aforesaid old list of benefactions in the ledger, this gift is thus recorded:—

"1670, Mr. Michael Deyos, merchant, gave in his life-time 3*l.* 10*s.* a year for ever, viz. twelve-pence every week in groat bread, and 13*s.* 4*d.* to the minister, for a sermon to be preached on the 8th of August in the morning, and 4*s.* 8*d.* to the clerk and sexton for their attendance, to be paid out of a tenement now in the tenure of Mr. Richard Higgins, soap-boiler, on the back."

In the accounts for the year 1821, the receipt of this charity is stated in the following terms:—

	£	s.	d.
By Mr. Deyos, for a sermon	0	13	4
Clerk and sexton	0	4	8
Poor weekly bread	2	12	0
	£3	10	0

N.B.—The above 3*l.* 10*s.* per annum is payable out of a house in the Back, occupied by John Smith, and now paid by Mr. Smith, due 25th March, 1821.

The premises are very well known, and there is no difficulty in obtaining the payment. They are thus described in the general feoffment of the 21st May, 1799, as "a messuage or tenement situate on the Back, in the parish of St. Nicholas, now in the tenure or occupation of Philip Cook, ironmonger, bounded on the eastward part by the Back aforesaid, on the westward and southward parts, by a messuage and premises now in the tenure or occupation of Messrs. Franklin, Davis and Co., tobacconists, and on the northward part, by a messuage or tenement and premises in the tenure or occupation of Messrs. Wetherall and Son."

How far the bread part of this charity is satisfied will be better seen by the comparison before alluded to.

The 13*s.* 4*d.* for a sermon on the 8th of August is regularly paid, making a part of the 14*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* The 4*s.* 8*d.* will be found included in a larger sum paid to the clerk and sexton.

ELIZABETH HALL'S CHARITY.

Church Board, "1690.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, 100*l.*, which, according to her will, was laid out in the purchase of a house, the clear rent of which is to be paid to the vicar for a sermon, the first Saturday afternoon in every month, for ever."

In an old vestry minute book, under the head of Memorable Occurrences, in the parish church of St. Nicholas, page 145, is the following entry:—

"1669.—Elizabeth Hall gave 100*l.*, the interest for twelve sermons preparatory to the sacrament. The vestry bought one house in Baldwin-street with the money, for which Mr. Goldwyn did receive the rent, though the parish repaired it; but it is since agreed, that the minister shall have a certain annuity for preaching, and the vestry to take the house, which they have since leased out."

The purchase deed of the house in Baldwin-street is to the following effect:—

By indenture, bearing date 26th June, 1689, between Thomas Cowles and Joseph Mason, of the one part; and Mathew Morgan and others, churchwardens and vestrymen of the parish of St. Nicholas, of the other part; reciting, that Elizabeth Hall had, by her last will, dated 4th December, 1680, amongst other things, given the sum of 100*l.* in money, the profit whereof for the preaching twelve sermons, for ever, in the said parish church of St. Nicholas, viz. one sermon every Saturday in the month, in the evening, in order for a preparatory for the Lord's day; and directed that the said sermon should be preached by such ministers as therein was directed; three of them in every year by the minister of the said parish church for the time being, three of them by the minister of the parish of St. Walburge for the time being, and the other six of them by such orthodox Protestant ministers as the churchwardens for the time being should from time to time order and appoint; and she did further order and desire her executors, therein named,

to pay the said sum of 100*l.* unto the churchwardens and vestrymen of the said parish of St. Nicholas, with as much convenient speed as might be after her decease, they giving their obligation for the laying out of the same in the purchase of lands or tenements, for ever, to remain to the use and intent aforesaid; and reciting, that they, the said churchwardens and vestry, had received the said sum, and had purchased of one Dorcas Clisshold, in the names of them the said Thomas Cowles and Joseph Mason, all that messuage or tenement situate in Baldwin-street, in the parish of St. Nicholas, then in the holding of one Williams, with the appurtenances; and that the said Dorcas Clisshold, by an indenture, bearing date 24th day of the same month, had in consideration of the sum of 100*l.*, paid to her by the said Thomas Cowles and Joseph Mason, conveyed to them the said premises; it is witnessed, that the said Thomas Cowles and Joseph Mason did declare that the 100*l.* purchase money was the said 100*l.* above-mentioned, and that they, for the nominal consideration therein mentioned, and for settling the said premises to the uses aforesaid, did grant, release, and confirm, unto the said Mathew Morgan and the other persons of the second part, of which Henry Coombe was one, all the messuage or tenement and premises aforesaid; to hold to them, and their heirs and assigns, for ever, to the uses declared in and by the said will of the said Elizabeth Hall.

By an indenture, dated 27th March, 1727, the said Henry Coombe, being the sole survivor of the feoffees under the last mentioned deed, conveyed the said premises to eighteen persons therein mentioned, as the new feoffees of the same; and by the general feoffment of the church lands, dated 12th April, 1727, the whole charity property was passed to twenty-four new feoffees, including some of the above eighteen.

We do not find any conveyance subsequent to that dated 27th March, 1727, bringing down the particular premises bought under the will of Elizabeth Hall. The next succeeding general feoffment, dated 20th November, 1760, passes only two houses in Baldwin-street, and does not include the house in question; but the following general conveyance, dated 23d May, 1799, conveys three houses in Baldwin-street, two of them being the two houses conveyed by the last preceding conveyance, and the third being the one in question.

By a minute in the vestry book, dated 2d June, 1736, it was resolved to propose to the Rev. Mr. Goldwin, the then vicar of the parish, to accept of an annual payment of 6*l.*, in full satisfaction for the rent of a house in Baldwin-street, in the possession of John Hawker, which was purchased by the feoffees of the moneys bequeathed to them by Mrs. Elizabeth Hall; and in case he should refuse to accept the same, no churchwarden was for the future to lay out any of the church moneys in the repair thereof.

Whether Mr. Goldwin accepted the above proposal does not distinctly appear; but the probability is that it was accepted, because we find that, by a minute dated 2d November, in the same year, the vestry agreed with Mr. Robert Hawkins to grant him the said house for 99 years, determinable with three lives, for a consideration of 50*l.* at a yearly chief rent of 1*l.*; and we also find, that in 1742, which is the first year after 1736 in which there are any accounts, that the same vicar received 6*l.* included in the 14*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and which has been paid to his successors, vicars, from that time to the present. It is also one of the gifts mentioned in the list hung up in the vestry. The house has been ever since dealt with by the feoffees as part of the church property.

It does not appear that any renewals took place between 1736 and 1779; but on the

18th of February in the latter year, the vestry put in two new lives, in addition to the one then remaining, for a fine of 35*l.* The last mentioned lease fell into hand by the death of the last surviving life, in 1809; and the vestry granted the premises for 99 years, determinable with three lives, to James Paddon, for the sum of 141*l.* No renewal has since taken place. The chief rent has been always 20*s.*

CHARITIES COMBINED IN THE PURCHASE OF AN ESTATE CALLED THE FORLORN HOPE.

GEORGE HART'S CHARITY.

The will of George Hart was searched for on account of an arrangement which will be adverted to at the end of this case, but it has not been found; but in the list of benefactions at the beginning of the old ledger, which has been referred to in other cases, and also on the present table of benefactions in the church, this charity is thus mentioned:—

"Mr. George Hart, 20*l.* the interest to the poor in bread, weekly, for ever."

The sum of 20*s.* annually, being interest at the rate of five per cent., has been regularly expended in bread, which has been distributed, with other weekly bread, to the poor, in satisfaction of this gift, down to the year 1818.

A short time before this period, it was discovered by the vestry, that this donation of 20*l.*, with several other sums of money, given to charitable purposes in this parish, together with a sum of 42*l.* general vestry stock, had been applied, as far back as the year 1690, in the purchase of an estate, in the parish of St. Paul, in the city of Bristol, usually called the Forlorn Hope estate; and the vestry were, upon such discovery, advised, that as the estate was producing a much larger annual income than the amount of the interest upon all the sums composing the purchase money, they ought to make a proportionate increase in the several gifts, and which, from that time, was done in the manner that will be made more distinctly to appear at the conclusion of the list of cases comprised in this transaction, which next follow in successive order, and at the end of which cases will also be made to appear the manner in which the income answering to each gift has been applied.

JOHN DYMER'S GIFT.

The will of John Dymer was also searched for upon the occasion above alluded to, and with similar success; but it occurs under the name of John Dymore's gift, among the benefactions stated at the beginning of the old ledger, in the following terms:—

"Mr. John Dymore, of this parish, sheriff, gave 10*l.* the profit thereof to the poor in bread, quarterly, for ever."

And the present church table is to the same effect, with a difference only in the spelling of the name.

It appears in the churchwarden's account book, ending 25th March, 1676, that this sum of 10*l.* was received by the churchwardens in that year; the entry is as follows:—

"Received, being the gift of Mr. John Dymer, the profit whereof is to be given to the poor, in bread, quarterly, for ever ..... £ 10."

For the application, *see* the end of these cases, included in the purchase of the Forlorn Hope estate.

EDWARD BAUGH'S GIFT.

Edward Baugh, of the city of Bristol, by his will, dated 14th May, 1674, gave 100*l.* to the poor of the parish of St. Nicholas, in Bristol, to be weekly, for ever, distributed in bread, by the churchwardens and overseers of that parish.

The receipt of this sum of 100*l.* by the churchwardens, appears in the accounts for the year 1676.

For the application, *see* the end of this list of cases.

THOMAS BEVIN'S CHARITY.

This will has also been searched for without success; but the gift in question is among the benefactions in the old ledger already referred to, and is also inscribed on the table now in the church to the following effect:—

"Mr. Thomas Bevin, 20*l.*, the interest in bread to the poor, weekly, for ever."

The receipt of this money also appears in the same account book, in the account for the year 1676, in the following terms:—

"Received of Mrs. Elizabeth Bevin, being the gift of her husband, Mr. Thoma Bevin, the profit to be given to the poor in bread, ... £ 20."

For the application, *see* the end of this list of cases.

RICHARD HOLLAND'S CHARITY.

By an official extract of his will, it appears, that Richard Holland, late of the city of Bristol, milliner, by his will, dated 8th January, 1677, gave to the poor of St. Nicholas's almshouse, situate in King-street, Bristol, the yearly profit and increase of 10*l.* to be given them in bread, on Easter Sunday, yearly, for ever; and reciting, that in September 1658, he had given 10*l.* towards the building of the said almshouse; his will was, that the vestrymen of the said parish should put both the said gifts to the said almshouse on the table of benefactions in St. Nicholas's church.

This gift is also in the old list of benefactions, and on the table now in the church, to the following effect:—

"1678.—Mr. Richard Holland, 10*l.*, the interest in bread to the poor in the almshouse, on Easter-day, for ever."

It appears also, that this gift of 10*l.* was received by the churchwardens in the year 1679, by the account for that year.

For the application, *see* the end of this list of cases.

ALDERMAN ALEXANDER JAMES'S CHARITY.

Alexander James, Esq. late mayor of Bristol, by his will dated 11th August, 1673, gave to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of St. Nicholas, for the time

being, 20*l.*, to the end that that sum might be and remain to the additional increase of the stock for the poor of the same parish, and the yearly profits thereof distributed, by the discretion of the churchwardens and overseers of the said parish, among the poor thereof.

In the above-mentioned old list of benefactions, this gift is thus stated:—

"1680.—Alderman Alexander James gave 20*l.*, the profit thereof, yearly, to the poor for ever. ..... £ 20"

The present benefaction table in the church states this gift in the same way, except that it mistakingly represents the interest to be distributed in bread to the poor.

The receipt of this gift also appears in the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1680.

The further account must be postponed, as in the former cases, with this observation; that the charity has been executed by a distribution in money, and not in bread.

TIMOTHY PARKER'S CHARITY.

Timothy Parker, late of Bristol, by his will, dated 21st September, 1681, reciting, that he, by a foregoing will, had given to the feoffees of the lands belonging to the parish church of St. Nicholas, the sum of 20*l.* the profit thereof to be disposed of in bread, weekly, for ever, it appears, the said testator did thereby revoke the same gift of 20*l.*, and did thereby give and bequeath to the said feoffees of St. Nicholas church lands only, the sum of 10*l.* the profit whereof he directed to be disposed of in weekly bread.

The benefaction table in the church thus records this gift:—

"1681.—Timothy Parker, Esquire, 10*l.*, the interest in bread to the poor, weekly, for ever."

For the application, *see* the end of this list of cases.

ALDERMAN GEORGE WHITE'S GIFT.

The will of Alderman George White was searched for upon the occasion alluded to in George Hart's charity, and was not found. The manner in which this donation is stated in the list prefixed to the old ledger is thus:—

"1683.—Alderman George White gave 10*l.*, the profit to four poor householders not receiving alms, quarterly, for ever ..... £ 10"

The modern table thus expresses this charity:—

"1683.—George White, Esquire, 10*l.*, the interest to four housekeepers, quarterly, for ever."

No receipt of this money can be shown by reason of the chasm in the series of the parish accounts; but there is no doubt of its having been received. It is ascertained that interest on this sum, at the rate of six per cent., has been distributed every quarter in money; but whether confined to four poor housekeepers does not so distinctly appear. This was also part of the purchase money of the Forlorn Hope estate, and has been increased, in consequence of that purchase, in the same way as the foregoing charities.

JOHN READ'S CHARITY.

John Read, by his will, dated 9th December, 1682, gave to the poor of the parish of St. Nicholas the sum of 30*l.* to be paid to the churchwardens of the same parish, and to be by them, and the vestry there, so settled, that the profits thereof, yearly, for ever,

might be distributed amongst the poor of the said parish of St. Nicholas, in the same manner as the gifts of the like nature were there disposed and distributed.

The board thus exhibits this charity :—

"Mr. John Read 30*l.* the interest in bread to the poor, weekly, for ever."

The interest of this gift has always been given in bread.

JOHN HART'S CHARITY.

John Hart, by his will, dated 7th October, 1686, gave to the poor of the parish of St. Nicholas the sum of 10*l.*, to be placed out at interest by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the same parish, and the interest thereof to be laid out in bread, for the use of the poor of the same parish, on every Lord's day, for ever.

The inscription on the church board is as follows :—

"1686.—Mr. John Hart 10*l.*, the interest in bread to the poor, weekly, for ever."

For the application, *see* the end of this list of cases.

GEORGE MORRIS'S CHARITY.

George Morris, late of the city of Bristol, by his will, dated 18th December, 1686, gave unto the vestrymen of the parish of St. Nicholas, in which parish he then lived, the sum of 20*l.*, the profit thereof at Christmas and Easter, yearly, for ever, to be by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish for the time being, bestowed at their discretion amongst the poor of the same parish.

This charity stands thus on the present church board :—

"1687.—Mr. George Morris 20*l.*, the interest in bread to the poor, at Christmas, and Easter, for ever."

It has been distributed in money.

RICHARD VAUGHAN'S GIFT.

Richard Vaughan, by his will, dated 25th August, 1687, gave and bequeathed unto the poor of the parish of St. Nicholas, in Bristol, the sum of 10*l.* in money, which sum was then in the hands of Mr. Richard Gibbons, of the said parish, ironmonger, the profit thereof to be given to the poor of the said parish in bread, on St. Thomas's-day, yearly, for ever.

The table is as follows :—

"Mr. Richard Vaughan 10*l.*, the interest in bread to the poor, on the 21st December for ever."

For the application, *see* the end of these cases.

SIR WILLIAM CANN'S CHARITY.

No instrument could be produced respecting the above charity; the probability is, that the donor gave it in his life-time; an inference strengthened by the circumstance of his having, in a will which he made, described himself as a former benefactor to the parish of St. Nicholas. In the same old list of benefactions, already referred to, this donation is thus noticed :—

"Sir William Cann, baronet, gave 25*l.* the profit to be distributed to the poor, 8th of January, for ever ..... £ 25"

And it is stated on the present table of benefactions in the church in words to the same effect.

The receipt of this donation does not appear, on account of the chasm in the books, already observed upon. The application will appear hereafter.

CHARLES HERBERT'S CHARITY.

Charles Herbert, by his will, dated in 1687, gave and bequeathed to the poor of the parish of St. Nicholas, Bristol, the sum of 10*l.*, to be likewise paid to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish, for the use of the poor.

The benefaction table states this gift as follows:—

"Mr. Charles Herbert 10*l.*, the interest to the poor, the 28th June, for ever."

The further account is reserved, as in former cases.

STEPHEN WATTS'S GIFT.

Stephen Watts, by his will, dated 20th November, 1687, gave to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of St. Nicholas, in Bristol, the sum of 10*l.*, to be paid to them within two months after his decease, and to be settled and disposed of for the benefit of the poor of the said parish, in such manner as they, and the overseers of his will, should think fit and convenient.

On the church table this charity is thus recorded:—

"Stephen Watts, Esquire, 10*l.*, the interest to the poor at Christmas, for ever."

The application reserved, as in the former cases.

MARGARET ABLEY'S GIFT.

Margaret Abley, late of Bristol, widow, by her will, dated 3d October, 1690, gave unto such of the parishioners of the parish of St. Nicholas, as should be vestrymen there at the time of her decease, and their successors, the sum of 50*l.*, to be by them from time to time put out at interest, and that the interest and increase thereof should be by them employed for and towards the better relief and maintenance of such poor women, as should be from time to time placed and remaining in the women's almshouse, in the said parish.

In the list of benefactions prefixed to the old ledger, the following mention is made of this charity:—

"Mrs. Margaret Abley gave 50*l.*, the profit thereof for the better relief of the women in the almshouse."

The interest of this sum of 50*l.* has been always paid to the poor women in the almshouse in equal portions, quarterly, according to the directions in the will.

JOHN SANDFORD'S GIFT.

John Sandford, by the description of John Sandford the younger, of the parish of St. Nicholas, Bristol, mercer, by his will, dated 17th August, 1689, gave to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of St. Nicholas the sum of 10*l.*, for the use of the poor in the same parish, for ever.

In the ancient list of benefactions, it is thus stated :—

"Mr. John Sandford, jun. gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof to be distributed on the 14th February, for ever."

And the modern benefaction table states it thus :—

"Mr. John Sandford 10*l.*, the interest to the poor, on the 14th February, for ever."

Interest at six per cent. upon this 10*l.* has been regularly distributed, on the 14th February, to the poor women in the almshouse.

THE GIFT OF GEORGE WHITE THE YOUNGER.

George White, (who probably was the son of the Alderman George White, whose charity has been before reported), by his will, dated 24th January, 1689, gave unto the parish of St. Nicholas the sum of 10*l.*, the profit thereof to be given yearly, for ever, in sixpenny bread, to poor housekeepers, not receiving alms, upon the 25th of December.

In the ancient list of benefactions prefixed to the old ledger, this gift is thus stated :—

"Mr. George White, jun. gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof in sixpenny bread to the poor, not receiving alms, at Christmas .... £ 10"

The modern table thus represents the charity :—

"George White, Esq, 10*l.*, the interest in bread to the poor, at Christmas, for ever."

We noticed the difference between the table in the church and the will, and recommended that, as well in this as in all other cases where it was found that the inscriptions on the church table were not correct, according to the ancient authentic documents, the vestry should have the table amended, which was accordingly promised to be done.

From what can be collected from the books, it appears that this donation was for many years lost sight of by the vestry, probably from a mistake arising from the confusion of the two names, and from the similarity in the amounts of the donation; but when, in 1818, these donations became the subject of particular consideration, there is good reason to suppose that this gift was provided for, and had its share of the increase alluded to, and hereafter more fully explained.

THE GIFT OF SIR WILLIAM CANN, BART.

Sir William Cann, late of Busleton, alias Brushlington, in the county of Somerset, bart. made his will, dated 24th July, 1697, containing the following clause : —

"I, being a former benefactor to the parish of St. Nicholas, in the city of Bristol, did also there give and pay to the said parish the sum of 103*l.* for the yearly payment on St. George's-day of 40*s.* for preaching a sermon there yearly against atheism and profaneness ; and 13*s.* 4*d.* for the clerk, organist, and sexton ; and also for the payment of 10*s.* a piece to seven poor housekeepers of that parish, such as frequent divine service in that church to be preferred, on that day yearly, for ever. My desire is, that my executors, in trust, and overseers herein named, will take care that my said gift be performed and continued, because I was unwilling to have my name put up in the said church till after my decease."

The receipt of the said sum is not found on account of the chasm in the books before-mentioned ; but it is thus recorded in the old list of benefactions prefixed to the ledger :—

Sir William Cann, knight and baronet, a former benefactor, for payment of 40*s.* per annum, for a sermon yearly on St. George's-day, againt atheism and profaneness ;

and 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly to the clerk, organist, and sexton; and 3*l.* 10*s.* per annum to be equally divided to seven poor housekeepers the same day ..... £ 103"

The modern table thus states the charity :—

"1693.—Sir William Cann, bart. 103*l.*; 2*l.* for a sermon on St. George's-day; 13*s.* 4*d.* to the organist, clerk, and sexton; and 3*l.* 10*s.* to seven poor housekeepers yearly, for ever."

Till 1818, the sums directed by the will to be respectively paid for preaching the sermon, to the clerk, organist, and sexton, and to the seven poor housekeepers, were regularly paid according to the will; the annual payment of 40*s.* for the sermon being included in the total annual payment before mentioned of 14*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the clergyman. Upon the increase in 1818, all these respective sums were proportionately augmented as in the other cases; but the augmentation, in respect of the share to the seven housekeepers, has not in its distribution been confined to the number of seven, but has been distributed to a much larger number of poor.

JEDIDIAH PICKFORD'S CHARITY.

Jedidiah Pickford, by his will, dated 3d March, 1693—4, gave to the poor of the parish of St. Nicholas, wherein he then lived 30*l.*, to be put out at interest, and the profit and interest thereof yearly to be distributed in bread twice a year, viz. at Christmas and Easter days, for ever.

This gift appears in the old list of benefactions, as follows :—

"Mr. Jedidiah Pickford, the profit thereof at Christmas and Easter, for ever, 30*l.*"

But, on the present church table, it stands more agreeably to the will, thus :—

"Jedidiah Pickford, Esq. 30*l.*, the interest to the poor in bread at Christmas and Easter, yearly, for ever."

The interest of 30*l.* has always been regularly distributed in bread according to the will, and has been proportionately increased from 1818.

DAVID ROYNON'S GIFT.

No will or other instrument has been found to show the manner in which this 30*l.* was given to the parish. On the old benefaction list, this charity stands thus :—

"Mr. David Roynon, for the payment of 36*s.* to nine poor families, on Candlemas-day, for ever ..... £ 30"

On the modern board, the charity is thus stated :—

"Mr. David Roynon, 30*l.* the interest to nine housekeepers, 2d February, for ever."

For the application, *see* below.

The above-mentioned twenty-one donations, making together 548*l.*, are comprehended in the sum of 590*l.*, the purchase money of the Forlorn Hope estate, the conveyances of which next follow.

By indenture, bearing date 20th March, 1693, made between Charles Jones, the elder, and Samuel Fox, of the one part, and John Harpur, and divers other persons

therein mentioned, as the surviving feoffees of the messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments belonging, or reputed to belong, to the parish church of St. Nicholas, Bristol, of the other part; it is witnessed, that the said Charles Jones and Samuel Fox, in consideration of the sum of 590*l.*, did thereby grant, enfeoff, and confirm unto the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns, all that messuage, tenement, and garden ground thereto adjoining, and one close of meadow or pasture ground whereon the same messuage stood, (formerly two closes,) commonly called or known by the name of Riglings, alias Ridglings, containing, by estimation, thirteen acres, situate in the parish of St. James, within the suburbs of the city of Bristol, then or then late in the tenure or occupation of one Priscilla Butcher, bounded with certain grounds called Red Furlong and Goose Acre on or towards the north side, the land of or belonging to the hospital of Lawford Gate on or towards the east side, a lane leading towards Earl's Mead on or towards the south side, and the land of John Hartnell, butcher, on or towards the west side thereof, and all manner of tithes to be issuing, arising, or renewing upon and out of the same premises, or any part thereof; to hold the same unto and to the use of the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns, for ever.

The deed above abstracted contains no mention of the manner in which this consideration money was composed, or of any trusts for any charitable objects; but there is a memorandum endorsed on the deed, to the following effect:—

"Part of the fine and purchase money of the lands granted by the deed within written, was paid with the moneys given by the several benefactors whose names are under written."

	£.	s.	d.
Mr. George Hart	20	0	0
Mr. John Dymer	10	0	0
Mr. Edward Baugh	100	0	0
Mr. Thomas Bevin	20	0	0
Mr. Richard Holland	10	0	0
Mr. Alderman James	20	0	0
Mr. Timothy Parker	10	0	0
Mr. George White, the elder	10	0	0
Mr. John Reade	30	0	0
Mr. John Hart	10	0	0
Mr. George Morris	20	0	0
Mr. Richard Vaughan	10	0	0
Sir William Cann	25	0	0
Mr. Charles Herbert	10	0	0
Mr. Stephen Watts	10	0	0
Mrs. Abley	50	0	0
Mr. John Sandford	10	0	0
Mr. George White, the younger	10	0	0
A former benefactor	103	0	0
Mr. Jedidiah Pickford	30	0	0
Mr. David Roynon	30	0	0
	£. 548	0	0

The premises called the Forlorn Hope, as they are now held, correspond in quantities and abuttals with the description contained in the purchase deed before abstracted. It was all pasture land until within a few years back, when a part of it was converted into garden ground; and that part of it has been progressively enlarged, so that it seems the larger part of it is now garden ground. It is just at the extremity of the city, and to be considered as in the parish of St. Paul, since the division of the parish of St. James into the two parishes of St. Paul and St. James.

This property has always been in one holding. At the time it was purchased, and for about seven years afterwards, it seems, by the books, to have been let to the widow Child, at a rack-rent of 28*l.* per annum. On the 15th August, 1701, the vestry agreed with James Birch to grant him a lease of the premises for 99 years, determinable with three lives, in consideration of a fine at 360*l.*, and a yearly chief-rent of 40*s.* On the 2d March, 1720, this lease, on which only one life was remaining, was surrendered, and a new lease granted to the said James Birch, for 99 years, determinable with three lives, at a fine of 240*l.*, and the same chief-rent of 40*s.*; on the 2d November, 1736, a life having dropped, Mr. Birch again renewed the premises, with one additional life, for 76*l.* 5*s.* under the old chief-rent. Upon this last-mentioned lease the premises were held till the death of Mr. Thomas Cadell, the last surviving life, which took place 14th August, 1791, when the premises were let at rack-rent, to William Driver, as tenant from year to year, at 42*l.* per annum. In the year 1793, the rent was raised to 52*l.* 10*s.*, the same tenant continuing; and so it stood till 2d February, 1798, when Robert Isles became the tenant for seven years, at 90*l.* per annum, under a letting by public auction. At the expiration of that term, on 2d February, 1805, the premises were again let by auction, to John Lane, for seven years, at 115*l.* per annum. On the expiration of that lease, they were offered to be let for 14 years, from 2d February, 1812, and were let at 305*l.* per annum; but, on account of the insolvency and death of the tenant, the lease was rescinded and the premises taken back into the hands of the vestry. The estate was then let by auction, from 25th March, 1814, to John Cole, at the clear rent of 152*l.* per annum. Upon the expiration of this lease at Lady-day, 1821, the premises were again let to the same tenant, by private contract, at the same rent of 152*l.* for seven years from that date. The vestry were induced to renew the lease to Mr. Cole, because he had been an unexceptionable tenant, and the transaction took place after an actual survey by a committee of the vestry, and, it is said, after mature deliberation, and a conviction that better terms could not be procured at public auction. The difference of the times between 1821, when the bargain was made, and 1814, when the price above-mentioned was the most that could be obtained at auction, appears to justify the vestry in letting the estate by private contract on the same terms.

In the year 1812, the discovery was first made that the several gifts, included on the above list, were consolidated in the purchase of an estate called the Forlorn Hope, in consequence of the vestry clerk's looking into the title-deeds of the Forlorn Hope estate, by order of the vestry, to ascertain whether a part thereof might not be appropriated for an additional burial-ground for the parish of St. Nicholas, which was much wanted. Upon such investigation, the said endorsed memorandum was discovered. After some delay, opinions of counsel were taken, in consequence of which it was determined to relinquish the intention of using any part of it for a burial-ground, and

to apply in future the rent and profits wholly and exclusively to the several objects comprised in the respective gifts above-mentioned, except as to so much thereof as might bear a due proportion to the 42*l.*, that part of the purchase-money which was furnished from the general vestry stock. This resolution of the vestry began to be acted upon in 1818, previously to which the vestry paid interest upon all these gifts, the bread-gifts at the rate of five per cent., and the money-gifts at the rate of six per cent., except George White's, Jun. of 10*l.*, which, as before stated, had been lost sight of.

	£	s.	d.
The sum paid in respect of these gifts, thus comprised in the purchase-money of the Forlorn Hope estate, annually for bread, amounted to	12	10	0
And in money, to	17	5	4
Making together	£29	15	4

It appears that, down to the time of the discovery, the vestry conceived they were acting rightly in paying these sums as interest, having till then been ignorant that the estate was purchased with charity-money.

Notwithstanding the arrangement in 1818, the vestry still keep upon their book the payments of the respective sums for bread and money, as before stated, to show the satisfaction of the interest on the sums originally given, and carry the increased rent beyond that interest to a separate account, such account stating in general terms the increase in the money-gifts, in the bread-gifts, and in the sums to the vicar, clerk, organist, and sexton.

The general amount of the money and bread gifts are founded upon the augmentations assigned to each gift, on a proportionate scale, except that it should be observed, with respect to Sir William Cann's donation to seven housekeepers, that though a proportionate increase is made in his gift, yet such increase is not confined in its distribution to seven housekeepers; and the same remark, *mutatis mutandis*, may be applied to the donations of Mr. George White the elder, and Mr. David Roynon.

The account audited for the year ending Easter, 1821, stood thus:—

Dr. ..... Increased Income of Forlorn Hope Estate. ..... *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To amount carried to general account	111	16	8	By sundry reliefs in money ..	49	1	8
				By do in bread	42	0	0
				By almshouse in money	12	0	0
				By Rev. Mr. Eden	6	10	0
				By clerk, organist, and sexton	2	5	0
	£111	16	8		£111	16	8

MRS. JOAN MITCHELL'S CHARITY.

By the old benefaction list it appears that Mrs. Joan Mitchell, in 1706, gave 10*l.* the profit in bread to the poor, at Christmas, yearly, with which statement the present church table agrees in substance.

It appears, by the books, that the interest of the 10*l.*, at the rate of five per cent., has been regularly distributed in bread to the poor.

CHARLES ROYNON'S GIFT.

In the old list it is stated, that, in "1708, Mr. Charles Roynon, of this parish, gave 20*l.*, the profit in bread every Lord's day." And the same charity, on the modern table, is thus mentioned:—

"1708.—Mr. Charles Roynon, 20*l.*, the interest in bread to the poor, weekly, for ever."

The interest of 5*l.* per cent. upon this sum has been regularly applied in bread to the poor, and is included in weekly distribution.

MR. WILLIAM EVANS'S CHARITY.

This charity is thus mentioned on the old list:—

"1712.—Mr. William Evans, of this parish, in memory of his dutiful daughter, Martha Evans, gave 20*l.*, to pay 10*s.* to the ministers, for a sermon the 6th of August yearly, and 10*s.* in fourpenny bread to the poor, for ever."

The modern benefaction table states it thus:—

"1712.—Mr. William Evans, 20*l.*, the interest of which is to pay the vicar 10*s.* for a sermon on the 6th of August, and 10*s.* in bread to the poor on the same day, for ever."

The sermon gift is on the sermon list, hung up in the vestry-room, and the sermon is preached on the day appointed, the 10*s.* being included in the 14*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* paid for sermons, as before mentioned. The 10*s.* in bread to the poor is also annually distributed, as the books make appear.

THE REV. DR. JOHN READE'S GIFT.

Old List.—"1713.—The Rev. John Reade, D.D. late vicar of this church, gave 20*l.* to the poor of this parish, the interest whereof is to be distributed in bread, at the discretion of the churchwardens, on the first Sunday after the 15th of February, for ever."

The present board in the church is the same in substance.

The interest upon the 20*l.* at five per cent. has been regularly distributed in bread, every year, to the poor of the parish.

THE GIFT OF THOMAS HUNGERFORD, SEN.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1741.—Mr. Thomas Hungerford, Sen. 50*l.*, the interest in bread and coals to the poor, on the 21st of December, for ever."

On this gift the same interest as in the former case has been regularly applied in bread, as directed.

PAUL WESTON'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"Mr. Paul Weston, 20*l.*, the interest to the poor, on the 25th of January, for ever."

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1742, the receipt of the money is entered in the following manner, under the head of Accidental Money received :—

"To Paul Weston's executors, the interest to the poor annually, on Saint Paul's-day ..... £20."

We find that 16*s.* per annum was paid in respect of this gift, on the 25th of January next after the receipt of the 20*l.*, and has so continued to the present time, being interest at the rate of four per cent.

RICHARD WILLETT'S CHARITY.

IN the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1742, we find the following entry of the receipt of this donation, under the head of Accidental Money :—

"To Mr. Richard Willett's executors, to be distributed annually, to six poor housekeepers not receiving alms, on the 29th May ..... £24."

The church board runs as follows :—

"1742.—Mr. Richard Willett, 24*l.*, the interest to six housekeepers, on the 29th of May, for ever."

The sum of 19*s.* 2*d.*, being interest at four per cent. on this donation, has been annually paid to six housekeepers, on the 29th of May; but whether to persons not receiving alms does not appear from the accounts, neither do the books contain lists of the six housekeepers receiving this benefaction.

NATHAN DREW'S CHARITY.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1749, we find the following entry of the receipt of this donation, under the head of Accidental Money :—

"Received of the executor of Nathan Drew, a legacy to the poor, the interest to be paid in bread or coal, on the 11th of November, for ever, ... £12."

The modern table precisely agrees with the above receipt.

By the successive accounts of the churchwardens, we find that interest on this gift at five per cent. has been annually given in bread to the poor, but on what day does not appear.

THE GIFT OF THOMAS HUNGERFORD, JUN.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1760, there is the following entry of the receipt of this donation, under the head of Accidental Money :—

"1760, May 9th.—Received of Mrs. Jane Oliver, for a legacy left by Mr. Thomas Hungerford, to be distributed as per table ..... £50."

The table now in the church thus :—

"1760.—Mr. Thomas Hungerford, jun., 50*l*., the interest to the poor in bread and coals, on the second Wednesday in January, for ever."

It appears, from the earliest accounts, beginning with the year of the donation, that interest at 5*l*. per cent has been annually paid in respect of this gift, 30*s*. in bread, and 20*s*. in money; the money about Christmas, and the bread at the same period.

GREGORY BUSH'S GIFT.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1761, there occurs the following entry of the receipt of this donation, under the head of Accidental Money :—

"Received of Mr. Thomas Berjew, for a legacy left by Mr. Gregory Bush, to be distributed as per table ..... £50."

The table now in the church is as follows :—

"1761.—Mr. Gregory Bush, 50*l*., the interest to four housekeepers, on the 24th December, for ever, such as frequent divine service."

From the books it appears that, for many years, interest at four per cent. was annually given, at Christmas, to four housekeepers, in respect of this gift; but, of late years, the same interest seems to have been annually distributed, at Christmas, to the general poor, in coals.

WALTER LOUGHER'S CHARITY.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1762, there is the following entry of the receipt of this donation, under the head of Accidental Money:—

"Received of Mrs. Ann Fox, for a legacy left by Mr. Walter Lougher, to be distributed as per table ..... £100."

The table now in the church is thus:—

"1762.—Mr. Walter Lougher, 100*l.*, the interest to eight widows, on the 7th December, for ever."

Interest on this gift, at four per cent., has been uniformly paid from its commencement, to eight widows, on the 7th December, according to the terms of the donation.

MRS. MARY POTTER'S GIFT.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1763, the following receipt of this donation is thus entered, under the head of Accidental Money:—

"1763, September 14th.—Received of Mr. Azariah Hopkins, for part of a legacy left by Mrs. Potter, to be distributed as per table ..... £25."

The board in the church is as follows:—

"1763.—Mrs. Mary Potter £ the interest in bread and coals to sixteen widows, on 19th of November, for ever."

Whether the remainder of this legacy was ever received cannot be traced; but it seems probable that no more was ever received, as, upwards of twenty years afterwards, on the return of charitable donations under Gilbert's Act, this donation was set down at 25*l.*; and it is known that, upon that occasion, an accurate investigation took place by some of the leading members of the then vestry. It also appears that, from the earliest period to the present time, interest at four per cent., on 25*l.*, has been annually paid in respect of this gift.

The benefaction has been uniformly given in money to the poor old women in the almshouse, who are for the most part widows, on the 12th of November.

MRS. MARY PACKER'S CHARITY.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the same year as the last, we find the following entry of the receipt of this donation, under the head of Accidental Money :—

"1763, June 1.—Received of Mr. Azariah Hopkins, for a legacy left by Mrs. Packer, to be distributed as per table ..... £100."

The board in the church is as follows :—

"Mrs. Mary Packer, 100*l.*, the interest to four housekeepers, on Christmas-day, for ever, such as frequent divine service."

Interest at four per cent. has always been paid, annually, in respect of this gift; and, till within about twenty years back, it appears to have been regularly paid, in money, to four housekeepers; but from that period to the present it has been distributed to the general poor, in coals, at Christmas.

MRS. MARY INNYS'S CHARITY.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1771, we find the following entry of the receipt of this donation, under the head of Accidental Money :—

"1771.—Of Jeremy Baker, Esquire, a legacy of 200*l.*, bequeathed by the will of Mrs. Mary Innys, dated 13th November, 1765, to be distributed as per table .. £200."

The board in the church is as follows :—

"1771.—Mrs. Mary Innys, 200*l.*, the interest to sixteen housekeepers, for ever."

It appears by the same account, that this sum of 200*l.* was laid out in the purchase of 211*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*, in the four per cents., in the names of certain persons, then leading members of the vestry. It continued in thus fund (reduced to three per cents. in 1781,) until the year 1819, when it was sold out, together with a sum of 1,350*l.*, in the same fund, which latter sum was the produce the purchase money received, in the year 1761, for the houses sold to the bridge commissioners; and from an order of vestry, made 6th August, 1817, we learn, that in contemplation of the intended purchase of the Redcliff estate mentioned in the case of Tucker's charity, an authority was given to sell out 1,561*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.* three per cent. reduced annuities, which is in such order erroneously stated as the produce of the purchase-money of the houses standing on the old bridge. The vestry appear to have been led into this error, from not knowing that any investment of stock had been made so early as the year 1771, except the bridge purchase money; and, upon referring to this latter transaction, we find that the stock bought upon that occasion, in 1761, was exactly 1,350*l.*, then four per cents., which being added to the 211*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*, the produce of the 200*l.* invested in 1771, makes the precise amount of 1,561*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*

It is to be inferred that this was done in error, from this further circumstance; that the vestry had in 1819, in that particular fund, 1,688*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*, and intending to deduct from that amount whatever had been the produce of gift moneys, proceeded, in conformity with that intention, to deduct a sum of 126*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* stock, which they knew had in 1789 been purchased with a legacy given by Miss Holmes, which will be hereafter mentioned. The manner in which this item is expressed for many years preceding the year 1817, may have very naturally led the vestry to this error. The item stands thus:—

"Government Stock Account.

"£1,688 7*s.* 5*d.*, reduced three per cents, standing in the names of Jeremy Baker, John Davis, and Robert Salmon, in which sum is included 126*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, bought with the legacies of Miss Holmes. One year's dividend ..... £50. 13*s.*"

While the stock stood at four per cent., 8*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, being the dividend at that rate of interest, was annually paid in respect of this gift. Since the reduction to three per cent, the amount of interest has been 6*l.* 7*s.*, which sum is annually paid, but to whom or in what way, except that it is given in money, we could not learn with any distinctness. To reconcile the fact of the vestry having paid interest precisely to the amount of the stock dividend, with their supposed ignorance of their having had that stock in consequence of the investment of Mary Innys's gift, it was observed to us, that the successive churchwardens, finding a particular sum regularly distributed in the name of Mary Innys, probably gave away the same without inquiring what their predecessors had done. We suggested, that it should be recommended to the vestry to replace 211*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.* in the three per cents. reduced, or hold themselves answerable for 8*l.* per annum, being interest at four per cent. on the 200*l.* which was originally given in respect of this donation, so sold out by mistake; and we since learn that the vestry undertake to re-invest the 211*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.* stock in the same fund as early as they can, and to pay the dividend in the mean time.

THOMAS TERRETT'S CHARITY.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1772, there is the following entry of the receipt of this donation, under the head of Accidental Money:—

"Of Mrs. Sarah Henderson, being executrix to the will of her late father, Mr. Thomas Terrett, deceased, a legacy left by him to the poor of St. Nicholas parish, as per table ..... £10."

The table now in the church is as follows:—

"1772.—Mr. Thomas Terrett, 10*l.*, the interest in bread on St. George's-day, for ever."

It appears by the books to have been regularly accounted for in bread, at the rate of five per cent.

HENRY BRIGHT'S GIFT.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1777, the receipt of this donation is also entered under the head of Accidental Money:—

"Received of Richard Bright, Esq., being a legacy, left by his late father, Henry Bright, Esq. ..... £100."

The table now in the church is as follows:—

"1777.—Henry Bright, Esq. 100*l.*, the interest in bread to the poor on Christmas-day, for ever."

In the same year we find, in the accounts of disbursements, the following entry:—

"Paid Mr. Baylis, for the cost of 161*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.*, in the three per cents. consolidated annuities, which was purchased with the legacy of Henry Bright, Esq., and standing in the names of the Rev. John Camplin, Mr. William Lucy, and Mr. Benjamin Hill, £100."

The dividends on this and all the parish stock are annually received by the churchwardens, through the hands of the bankers Messrs. Miles, Harford & Co., except a small charge for their trouble. The dividend, being 4*l.* 17*s.* per annum, was annually bestowed in bread, according to the church table, till 1796; since which time it appears, by the books, that a sum of 5*l.* has been given in bread in respect of this gift.

JOHN HELPS'S CHARITY.

The churchwarden's accounts for the year 1781 contain the following entry of the receipt of this donation:—

"Received of Slade Baker, Esq., being the legacy of John Helps, gent. to the churchwardens and vestry of the parish church of St. Nicholas, in the city of Bristol, upon trust, to be by them placed out at interest, in the names of proper persons, to be by them nominated; and the interest arising therefrom to be yearly laid out and applied in the purchase of bread, to be distributed to the poor of said parish, at Easter and Christmas, at the discretion of said churchwardens and vestry ..... £100."

Church Table.—"1781.—Mr. John Helps, 100*l.*, the interest to the poor in bread at Easter and Christmas, for ever."

This sum of 100*l.*, together with the next donation of James Stevens, of 10*l.*, was, in 1784, laid out in the purchase of 193*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* three per cent. consols, in the names of Richard Aldridge, Benjamin Davis, and Charles Granger. This stock is separately entered in the books, and forms part of a sum of 304*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.* in the same fund. It appears from the books that interest at five per cent. upon the original sum of 100*l.* has been distributed in bread with reference to this gift.

JAMES STEVENS'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1784.—James Stevens, of this parish, hooper, left by his will 10*l.*, the interest in bread to the poor of the said parish, on the 31st March, annually."

It appears by the former case how this 10*l.* was invested; in respect of which the sum of 10*s.* has been annually disposed of in bread to the poor.

THE GIFTS OF ELIZABETH HOLMES, SPINSTER, AND MARY HOLMES, WIDOW, HER MOTHER.

IN the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1789, the receipt of this donation occurs, under the head of Accidental Money.

"To cash received of Henry Hobhouse, Esquire, a legacy left to the parish of St. Nicholas, by Mrs. Holmes, and Miss Holmes, her daughter, 50*l.* each, at the death of Mrs. Holmes, the interest to be distributed, in bread and coals, on St. Thomas's-day, for ever, the principal laid out in government stock, as per stock account .... £100."

And we find, on the opposite side of the account, that 100*l.* is charged as laid out in three per cent. reduced annuities, producing 126*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* stock, and the yearly dividend of 3*l.* 16*s.* By reference to the account of Mary Innys's charity, it will be seen that this 126*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* stock is mentioned as having been reserved out of the gross sum of 1,688*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.* The same 126*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* is still remaining in the three per cents. reduced, in the names of the present trustees.

The table in the church is as follows:—"1789.—Miss Elizabeth Holmes, spinster, and Mrs. Mary Holmes, widow, her mother, both of this parish, by their wills, gave 50*l.* each, the interest thereof to be paid yearly, on St. Nicholas's-day, either in money, bread, or coals, at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens, to the poor inhabitants of this parish not receiving parochial alms."

The discrepancy between the statement of the above board, and the first entry of the receipt of the money, is very considerable; but the board is probably right, as, in the account book for the year 1790, (being the year immediately following that of the donation and investment), the entry of the application of the dividends of the stock is thus expressed:—

"The gift of Miss Eliza Holmes and Mrs. Mary Holmes, 50*l.* each, say 100*l.*, the interest in money, bread, or coals, to the poor inhabitants of this parish, on St. Nicholas's-day, (the poor not receiving parochial alms) ..... £5. 14*s.*

"*N. B.*—The above-mentioned 100*l.* is placed in the three per cents."

And this mode of entering the application of these dividends has been uniformly continued to the present time.

It is not ascertained, upon the face of these accounts, how this donation has been specifically distributed, further than as the entry in the above form may indicate; but there is no reason to doubt that the whole dividends have been given away to charitable purposes, as it is regularly and distinctly carried to account.

To account for the payment of 5*l.* 14*s.* instead of the dividends on the stock purchased, it may be observed, that the two legacies of 50*l.*, left by Mrs. and Miss Holmes respectively, were, in the year 1789, invested in the purchase of 126*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, three per cent. consols; and that, according to the churchwarden's accounts, the first distribution under this charity was not made until one year and a half's dividend had occurred due, amounting to 5*l.* 14*s.*, which sum was accordingly distributed in that year; from which we may infer the probability, that succeeding churchwardens, taking that payment for their precedent, and supposing that sum to be the proper annual distribution under that charity, have continued it ever since.

ROBERT SALMON'S CHARITY.

We find in the vestry book, under the date of October 31st, 1798, a memorandum, explanatory of the origin of this charity:—

Mrs. Salmon, widow of the late Mr. Robert Salmon, having, by letter to Mr. Churchwarden Franklin, signified that Mr. Salmon, some time before his dissolution, stated his wish that 100*l.* stock in the five per cents. should be purchased out of Mr. Salmon's property (though not mentioned in his will), interest of which to be paid to the poor of the parish, at the discretion of the churchwardens, on New Year's-day, for ever, ordered that the churchwardens be requested to wait on Mrs. Salmon, and thank her for her friendly information, requesting her to nominate three gentlemen of the vestry as trustees for the charity, and that Mr. Churchwarden Franklin do apply to Messrs. Harfords, Davis & Co. to get such stock purchased.

£2. 10*s.*, being the first half year's dividend, due 5th January, 1799, is brought into the account for the year ending at Easter 1799, and is stated as received in respect of 100*l.* five per cents., standing in the names of George Franklin, Richard Aldridge, Joseph Hellicar, and Richard Neale, bought with the legacy of Robert Salmon.

This 100*l.* five per cents., reduced to four per cents. by the late act, is now standing in the names of Joseph Hellicar, William Hassell, and Jacob William Atwood, and is still stated in the accounts as arising from the legacy of Robert Salmon.

The dividend is distributed, in money, among the poor of the parish.

MARY BANNISTER'S GIFT.

We find in the vestry book, under the date of October 2d, 1805, a minute in the hand-writing of the present vestry clerk, Mr. William Lewton Clarke, explanatory of the origin of this charity, as follows:—

"Ordered, that Mrs. Mary Bannister's legacy of 50*l.* be laid out in the government funds, in the same names as the stock now belonging to the parish stands upon the trusts stipulated by the donor; viz. the dividends to be laid out in bread and coals, at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens, and distributed among the poor of the parish, on the 21st February, yearly, for ever."

By a memorandum, also in the same hand-writing, in the margin of the entry, it appears, that 4*l.* was deducted for legacy duty, leaving 46*l.* to be invested; and in the same year, for the first time, under the head of Government Stock Account, is found the following entry:—

"£78. 0*s.* 9*d.* in three per cent., consols, standing in the names of Richard Aldridge and others, bought with Miss Mary Bannister's legacy of 50*l.* half year's dividend £1 3*s.* 5*d.*"

The stock still stands in the names of the present trustees, as bought with Miss Bannister's legacy. The dividends have been regularly brought to account, and appear to have been given to the poor in bread and coals, at or about Lady-day.

ABRAHAM WIGGENTON'S CHARITY.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1806 is found the following statement:—

"To cash of John Hartnell, executor of the late Abraham Wiggenton, his legacy of 30*l.*, interest to the poor in bread; balance (meaning allowance for duty) £27. 10*s.*" and, on the other side of the same account, we find the investment of this money entered as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
By cost of 41*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* stock, being Mr. Wiggenton's legacy, in the three per cent. consols	26	4	0
Power of attorney and charges	1	8	0
	£27	12	0

The stock still remains in the names of the present trustees.

The contents of the church table are as follow:—"Mr. Abraham Wiggenton, by his will, gave 30*l.*, the interest to be for ever, annually, laid out by the minister and churchwardens of this parish, for the time being, in the purchase of bread, to be distributed amongst poor widows of this parish not receiving alms, as the minister and churchwardens should think most deserving."

This charity appears to be distributed, according to the table, in bread, and is comprised in the general bread distribution.

BENJAMIN HILL'S CHARITY.

In the churchwarden's account for the year 1809, the receipt of this donation is entered in the following terms:—

"To cash, per the executors of the late Benjamin Hill, a legacy to the parish of St. Nicholas .....£ 50"

And on the opposite side of the same account, we find the investment of this money, as follows:—

"By cash paid for 71*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.* stock in three per cents., at 70, 50*l.*; commission, postage, &c. 6*s.* 6*d.* bought in names of William Hassell and others .. £ 50. 6*s.* 6*d.*"

This stock also stands in the names of the present trustees, as bought with Benjamin Hill's legacy.

The charity is recorded on the church table thus:—

"1808.—Mr. Benjamin Hill left, by will, 50*l.* to the minister and churchwardens for the time being, of the parish of St. Nicholas, to be by them laid out in government security, upon trust, the dividends thereof to be equally distributed between four poor widows of the said parish, not receiving alms, on the 29th day of October, yearly, for ever."

It does not appear, by the books, that the interest on this gift has been given in money; it may probably have been given in bread, which may account for the distribution not being specified in the books under any name.

RICHARD ALDRIDGE'S CHARITY.

The first mention of this charity occurs in the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1814, in which is the following note:—

"*Note.*—Richard Aldridge's donation is as follows, viz. 200*l.*, stock three per cents., in the names of Joseph Hellicar, William Hassell, and Jacob William Atwood, all of Bristol, the interest and dividends to be paid and disposed of, for ever, in manner following, viz.

"£ 1. 1*s.* to the vicar of the parish of St. Nicholas, in the city of Bristol, for the time being, for performing, on the 21st day of October, annually, in the parish church, morning service, and preaching a sermon, in commemoration of the glorious victory obtained by Lord Nelson over the combined fleets of France and Spain, off the cape of Trafalgar, on the 21st October, 1805.

"£ 0. 10*s.* 6*d.* equally between the clerk and sexton, for their attendance at such service and sermon.

"The remaining sum, arising from such interest and dividends on the said 200*l.* stock, to be applied, in the next place, to keeping in good condition and repair the monument and flat stone in the crowde of St. Nicholas-church, to the memory of Mrs. Aldridge and the Miss Forsters, and the balance to be given to the poor on the 6th day of December, annually, in coals and garments, at the discretion of the trustees.

A letter is also handed to the churchwardens, in succession, addressed to Mr. Joseph Hellicar by Mr. Aldridge—

"£ 1. 1*s.* per annum to Elizabeth Randall.

"£ 0. 5*s.* per annum to Ann Sansum; to be paid to them during their natural lives."

This 200*l.* stock still stands in the names of the same trustees. The dividend of 6*l.* a year is regularly received, and a distinct account is kept of its application in each year, showing the payments to the minister, clerk, and sexton, to the particular individuals recommended by him as objects of his bounty during their lives, and of the balance to the poor in general.

PAUL ORCHARD'S CHARITY.

This charity is not recorded on the church table, but the following account of it may be collected from the parish books :—

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1806, the following entry occurs of the receipt of the donation :—

"By cash, received of the executors of Paul Orchard, by the hands of Thomas Jones, attorney, for the purpose of lending to three young persons, of the parishes of St. Nicholas and St. Leonard, interest free ..... £ 54"

The legacy was 60*l.*; but was reduced to 54*l.* by the legacy duty.

In the same year, two sums of 18*l.* each, being two-thirds of the donation, were lent agreeably to the tenor of the will. The remaining sum of 18*l.* was not lent till the year 1815, for want of finding persons disposed to take the benefaction upon the terms required. In the year 1816, the two first mentioned sums of 18*l.* each were repaid by the respective borrowers, and were re-lent to other persons, on the usual bonds, with the securities prescribed by the donor; and they still remain in the hands of the same persons. The third sum remains in the hands of the same person to whom it was originally lent.

All the moneys are intended to be called in; but there seems to be reason to apprehend that some, if not all of them, are in a precarious situation.

COX'S GIFT.

Ten shillings is received by the churchwardens, from the chamberlain, in respect of this donation, which extends to all the parishes in Bristol. It is given away to the poor.

THE SCHOOL IN THE ALMSHOUSE, WITH THE GIFTS OF MR. ALDERMAN HARRIS, THOMAS SMARTFOOT, AND PAUL ORCHARD.

In the beginning of the year 1785, the principal inhabitants of the parish of St. Nicholas came to the resolution of establishing a school in the said parish, for clothing

and instructing boys and girls; and at a meeting of vestry, in the month of January in the said year, it was resolved, that a subscription should be set on foot for that purpose, and that the government of the school should be vested in a committee, to be chosen, annually, by the majority of the subscribers. A certain number of subscriptions were accordingly obtained, and a schoolmaster and mistress regularly appointed; the mistress to teach the boys and girls in the parish, in the week, to read and repeat their catechism, and the master to instruct them on Sundays; it being intended to combine the objects both of a Sunday and weekly school. Provisions were also made for visiting and inspecting the school, and a treasurer was appointed. The school was carried on for many years, and in 1792 a school-room was constructed at the back of the almshouse expressly for this charity.

It appears to have been successfully continued till about the year 1812, or 1813, when a large establishment, on the national plan, being instituted in the city of Bristol, a decided preference was given by the parishioners to the instruction which was to be obtained there; so that by degrees the parish school above-mentioned was deserted, and fell into total disuse.

ALDERMAN THOMAS HARRIS'S GIFT.

The late Alderman Thomas Harris, by a codicil to his will, dated 3d November, 1796, reciting that, by his will, dated 8th February, 1794, he had given to his trustees, therein named, his residuary personal estate and effects, upon the trusts therein expressed, did, by his said codicil, give and bequeath unto the ministers, guardians, and treasurer, for the time being, of a charity school, in the parish of St. Nicholas, in the city of Bristol, known by the name of St. Nicholas's charity Sunday school, and which had been opened on or about 5th January, 1785, and was then supported by voluntary contributions, for instructing and clothing boys and girls, and for instructing on Sundays those whose ages or employments made them unfit objects for the daily school, the sum of 99*l.*

We find, in the accounts of the school for 1800, the receipt of the legacy, so left by the late Mr. Alderman Harris, which was reduced to 93*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* by the duty. In the same year, this legacy, with other moneys, amounting together to 122*l.* 11*s.* was laid out in the purchase of 125*l.* stock in the five per cents.

THOMAS SMARTFOOT'S GIFT.

By the table in the church, it appears that, in 1804, Thomas Smartfoot left 20*l.* the interest thereof to be applied to the support of the charity school above mentioned.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1806, there is the following entry, under the head of Government Stock Account:—

"£ 32. 7*s.* 10*d.* in three per cent. consols, standing in the names of Richard Aldridge, and others, bought with a legacy of 20*l.* left by Mr. Richard Smartfoot, the interest of which for the use of the charity school in this parish."

"No dividend yet paid."

This stock remains in the names of the present trustees of the parish stock, and from the time of the investment the dividends have been received and paid by the churchwardens for the time being to the treasurer of the school, down to the year 1821.

PAUL ORCHARD'S GIFT.

Mr. Paul Orchard, in or about the year 1806, also left a legacy of 54*l.* to this school, which, with some other moneys belonging to the school, was invested in the purchase of 100*l.* navy five per cents., making the whole amount of that stock applicable to this school, exclusive of the stock bought with Smartfoot's legacy, 225*l.* navy five per cents., now reduced to four.

There is also a cash balance in the treasurer's hands, upon the account, brought down to Michaelmas last, of 22*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* so that the whole amount of the stock and funds belonging to the school may be now stated as follows :—

£ 225. navy five per cents., now four, with dividends since July, 1822, standing in the name of the Rev. John Eden.

£ 32. 7*s.* 10*d.* part of a larger sum in the three per cent. consols, standing in the names of Joseph Hellicar, William Hassell, and Jacob William Atwood, as vestry trustees with dividends since January, 1821 ; and,

£ 22. 14*s.* 7*d.* cash balance, as above stated.

As it appears that the school does not now go on, we desired to be informed as to what was contemplated to be done with the different stock moneys, and the balance remaining upon the above several donations. The resolution, to which the vestry have come on this subject, will be found stated among the general vestry resolutions, set forth at the end of these cases.

THE ALMSHOUSE.

The almshouse, which has been the object of several of the donations above mentioned, was built many years ago on a spot of ground in King-street, granted for the consideration of a quit rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* to the feoffees of the church lands of this parish, by the corporation of Bristol, under their common seal, by an indenture, dated 28th September, 1652, for that purpose, the feoffees thereby covenanting with the said corporation to erect upon the said ground a convenient tenement, with several rooms and chambers, for the habitation of poor people, to be placed and maintained therein by the vestrymen and inhabitants of the said parish for the time being, who were to keep the same in repair, and in commemoration of the said gift to set up the arms of the city of Bristol, fairly engraven, over the door or entrance of the said almshouse.

An almshouse was accordingly built, containing sixteen or seventeen rooms, fifteen of which are now occupied by poor women of the parish. Two are at present unoccupied at the further end. The two last mentioned rooms were some years ago used as a residence for a master and mistress, who formerly held a school in a large room under the same roof. This large room is of modern date comparatively with the almshouse itself, and has always been used as a school till within a few years, when the national school superseded it, as mentioned in the preceding account. The women admitted into this asylum are always parishioners, and generally poor widows, upon the pay-bill of the corporation of the poor.

This house is considered as being so entirely appropriated to the parish poor, that the corporation of the poor pay the parish an annual rent of 5*l.* for the use of it. There are cellars under the almshouse, which were formerly let at a rack-rent of 10*l.* per annum, but have been for a long time leased out upon a forty years' lease, renewable every fourteen years, at a chief rent of 5*s.*, the fines paid for renewals being one year's rack-rent: the last renewal was for 12*l.* These rents and fines go to the general account of the church lands.

GENERAL EXPOSITION AND PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT OF THE CHARITIES OF THE PARISH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

It appears that several of the charities in this parish are distinctly appropriated to housekeepers, and several also to that part of the poor who do not receive parish pay, which particular directions of the donors have not been strictly or even generally observed; but the vestry have declared themselves disposed to make an arrangement and classification of all their several charities, so as to carry into effect the intentions and dispositions of the donors specifically, where they point to specific objects; and where they do not, so as to carry them into effect in such manner as to combine the substantial performance of their wills with the good of the parish at large.

The whole amount of what is annually distributed in bread, though not with a specific reference to the gifts of each respective donor, comprehends the total quantity that ought to be given away to satisfy the aggregate amount of those benefactions.

In the account for the year 1796, there is a special enumeration of the several bread donations, with the names of the donors, and the amounts of the respective gifts, making a total of 44*l.* 6*s.* then to be expended, altogether, in weekly and annual bread distributions, and which enumeration will be found to correspond with the amount of those particular charities, as above exhibited, down to that time, except the gift of George White, junior. In 1805, the gift of Mary Bannister, of 50*l.*, in bread and coals, was probably expended in bread, to the extent of between 1*l.* and 2*l.*, the remainder of the interest being applied in coals. Accordingly, in the accounts for 1806, the bread expenditure appears to have been increased to 46*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* In 1807, the accounts appear to include Abraham Wiggenton's gift of 30*l.*; and the sum that year charged as distributed in bread is 47*l.* 7*s.*

	£.	s.	d.
The amount in 1808, was	46	4	8
1809	52	12	2
1810	46	2	2
1811	45	13	5
1812	49	9	0
1813	46	8	11
1814	46	3	5
1815	48	6	1
1816	45	16	9

The amount in 1817, was	.. ..	..	45 11 8
1818 ..	.. ..	..	47 10 1
1819 ..	.. ..	..	50 8 10
1820 ..	.. ..	..	48 11 7

So that the average amount of the annual distribution in bread, being 47*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.*, falls very little below the amount, which, according to the evidence before us, ought to have been distributed, viz. 47*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* The accounts for 1821 are made up; but we have not taken that year into the average, because, by some inadvertence, the churchwarden for that year has omitted to charge for the expenditure upon annual bread; but that account is undertaken to be rectified.

Out of this total annual expenditure, the weekly distribution has amounted to 48 twopenny loaves, which are distributed every Friday, amounting to 20*l.* 16*s.* per annum; whereas, according to the gifts stated above, the amount of them would be satisfied by an annual sum of 17*l.* 6*s.* expended in weekly bread. It has been already stated that, in the year 1818, a considerable proportionate addition to the several bread-gifts, amongst others, was made, in consequence of the discovery with respect to the purchase of the Forlorn Hope estate, of the aggregate amount of which proportionate additions a distinct account is kept; the increase, under this arrangement, to the bread-gifts was, in 1812, 42*l.*; in 1819, 42*l.*; in 1820, 50*l.*; 1821, 42*l.*; and 1822, 50*l.*

The total amount of all the other gifts, not reckoning the increase under the Forlorn Hope purchase, and taking out the sermons, is 82*l.* 8*s.* 1½*d.*; so that this is the sum which the vestry are to answer for in the fulfilment of the trusts under the different charities, except as above; observing, by the way, that several of these gifts being continued at six per cent., are here calculated at that amount: and also, that this amount includes 2*l.* for Alderman John Langton's gift, which, as it has been charged upon premises not in the possession of the vestry, nor identified, the parish cannot be considered as liable to pay; and it appears, from the foregoing cases, that the amount of what has been actually distributed under the head of quarterly payments, and the annual payments of John Brown's gift, which, together, include all not comprehended in the bread account, is 83*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*; but it should be remarked, that Benjamin Hill's gift, producing 2*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.* per annum, has not, as far as we can collect, been paid in money or bread. This was not noticed before, because it would have disturbed the above calculation; and it seems to have been nearly balanced by an excess of payment of 1*l.* 18*s.*, under Mrs. and Miss Holmes's gifts.

The amount of the sermon gifts appears to be completely satisfied by 14*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, which sum the vicar admits himself to receive regularly. In this sum Sir William Cann's gift is calculated at the original amount of 2*l.*, without reckoning for the increase under the Forlorn Hope estate.

Some of the charities above enumerated appear to stand upon their own specific securities, viz. the public funds or charges upon land; but there are numerous others, that must be considered as resting generally upon the means which the parish have of carrying them into effect out of their own funds: we were desirous, therefore, to know the state and amount of those funds, considered as forming the security for the satisfaction of such charities; and, upon investigation, it appeared, that the total annual amount of the charities, which, from not being specifically invested, may be considered

as chargeable upon the general estate of the parish, is 54*l.* It is next to be remarked, that the annual chief rents, arising upon the leases of the general church estate of the parish, none of which are specifically charged to the foregoing charities, amount to about 81*l.* They have, besides, 12*l.* 16*s.* per annum, interest of the purchase-money of a house sold to the corporation, and yearly paid by the chamberlain, making, together, a clear disengaged annual income of about 93*l.* The parish has also its proportion in respect of 42*l.*, invested in the Forlorn Hope estate, and the surplus rent of the Redcliff estate, after payment of 4*l.* a year, payable thereout, as before stated, together with the fines occasionally received for renewals of leases on this general estate, forming an ample security for the charities depending thereupon, the chief-rents so reserved being, in general, of very small amount, compared with the annual value of the premises out of which they issue. The books, which have been laid before us, substantiate this statement, which is further confirmed by the rental hereafter set forth, specifying the whole of the parish estates, and distinguishing, by *italics*, what has been before shown to be specifically chargeable.

It may be useful, as a guide to the future classification, order, and distribution of the different charities of this parish, to exhibit lists of the different gifts, according to their specific destinations, from which it may appear what controul may be exercised over them by the vestry, in digesting them into a more beneficial arrangement.

The annual Gifts to Housekeepers are—

DONORS.	Number of Persons to be relieved.	Amount.	Increase under the Forlorn Hope estate.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.
John Whitson	Indefinite	2 10 0	
Alderman Kitchen	4	2 0 0	
Alderman Harrington	4	2 0 0	
Alderman Birkins	4	2 0 0	
James Croft	Indefinite	2 10 0	
Alderman Jackson	,,	2 10 0	
William Bayley	,,	2 10 0	
Christopher Wallis	,,	1 10 0	
Richard Leversedge	5	2 10 0	
Richard Willett	6	0 19 2	
Gregory Bush	4	2 0 0	
Mary Packer	4	4 0 0	
Mary Innys	16	6 7 0	
Alderman George White	4	0 12 0	2 6 2
Sir William Cann	7	3 10 0	13 10 0
David Roynon	9	1 16 0	6 18 0

The annual Gifts to Widows :—

DONORS.	Number of Persons to be relieved.	Amount.
		£. s. d.
Elizabeth Tudor	2	0 10 0
Walter Lougher	8	4 0 0
Mary Potter	16	0 18 0
Benjamin Hill	4	2 2 11

The annual Gifts for Sermons :—

DONORS.	A mount.	Increase under the Forlorn Hope Estate.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
William Tucker	0 6 8	
William Challoner	0 10 0	
John Whitson	1 0 0	
Sir Thomas Langton	1 0 0	
George Snow	0 6 8 to be increased to one guinea.	
William Burroughs	1 0 0	
Roger Hart	0 6 8	
J. Henry	0 10 0	
Michael Deyos	0 13 4	
Clerk and sexton, 4*s.* 8*d.*		
Elizabeth Hall	6 0 0	
Williams Evans	0 10 0	
Derick Popley	0 10 0	
Sir William Cann	2 0 0	7 15 0
Organist, clerk, and sexton, 13*s.* 4*d.*		2 9 0

Clothing :—

John Brown ..... £1. 6*s.* 8*d.*

Almswomen :—

DONORS.	Amount.	Increase under the Forlorn Hope Estate.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Richard Holland (bread)	0 10 0	1 17 6
Margaret Abley	3 0 0	11 10 0
John Whitchurch	1 0 0	

Bread Charities :—

DONORS.	Amount. £ s. d	Increase under the Forlorn Hope Estate. £ s. d.	
William Chaloner	2 12 0	—	
William Pitt	2 10 0		
George Hart	1 0 0	3 16 8	
Michael Deyos	2 12 0		
Sir Thomas Langton	2 10 0		
John Dymer	0 10 0	1 18 4	
Edward Baugh	5 0 0	19 3 4	
Thomas Bevin	1 0 0	3 16 8	
Richard Holland (Almshouse)	0 10 0	1 18 4	
Timothy Parker	0 10 0	1 8 4	
John Reade	1 10 0	5 15 0	
J. Hart	0 10 0	1 18 4	
George Morris	1 0 0	3 16 8	
Richard Vaughan	0 10 0	1 18 4	
George White, Jun.	0 10 0	1 18 4	
Jedidiah Pickford	1 10 0	5 15 0	
John Mitchell	0 10 0		
Charles Roynon	1 0 0		
William Evans	0 10 0		
Rev. Dr. Reade	1 0 0		
John Williams	0 10 0		
John Britain	1 0 0		
Alice James	1 0 0		
John Haythorne	0 10 0		
John Steevens	1 0 0		
Thomas Hungerford, Sen. (bread and coals)	2 10 0		
Thomas Hungerford, Jun. (bread and coals)	2 10 0		
Nathan Drew	0 12 0		
Mary Potter (sixteen widows)	1 0 0		
Thomas Territt	0 10 0		
Henry Bright	4 17 0	being the dividend on the stock invested, 5*l.* has hitherto been paid.	
John Helps	5 5 9	this is the dividend, 5*l.* has only been hitherto paid.	
James Stevens	0 10 7	The same remark applies, 10*s.* only has been paid.	
Mary Bannister (bread and coals)	2 6 10		
Abraham Wiggenton (widows)	1 5 0		

Money Gifts:—

DONORS.	Amount.			Increase under the Forlorn Hope Estate.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
William Tucker	2	0	0	—		
John Brown (shirts and shifts)	1	6	8			
J. Mathews	2	0	0			
Alice Webb	6	10	0			
George Snow	1	0	0			
John Whitson (housekeepers)	2	10	0			
Robert Kitchen (ditto)	2	0	0			
George Harrington (ditto)	2	0	0			
Abraham Birkins (ditto)	2	0	0			
Alexander James	1	0	0	3	16	8
George White the elder (housekeepers)	0	12	0	2	6	0
George Morris	1	0	0	3	16	8
Sir William Cann	1	10	0	5	15	0
Charles Herbert	0	10	0	1	18	4
Stephen Watts	0	10	0	1	18	4
John Sandford	0	10	0	1	18	4
Margaret Abley (almshouse)	3	0	0	11	10	0
Sir William Cann (housekeepers)	3	10	0	13	10	0
David Roynon (ditto)	1	16	0	6	18	0
James Croft (housekeepers)	2	0	0			
William Jackson (ditto)	2	10	0			
Christopher Wallis (ditto)	1	10	0			
Joseph Whitchurch (almshouse)	1	0	0			
R. Leversedge (housekeepers)	2	10	0			
Elizabeth Tudor (widows)	0	10	0			
Dr. J. Gaskarth	1	10	0			
Paul Weston	0	16	0			
R. Willett (housekeepers)	0	19	2			
Gregory Bush (ditto)	2	0	0			
Walter Lougher (widows)	4	0	0			
Mary Parker (housekeepers)	4	0	0			
Mary Innys (ditto)	4	0	0			
Mrs. and Miss Holmes	6	7	0			
Robert Salmon	4	0	0			
	reduced to four per cent.					
Benjamin Hill (widows)	2	2	11			
Richard Aldridge (balance coals and garments)	2	17	6			

List of such of the above Donations, the application of which may be considered as discretional:—

DONORS.	Bread. £ s. d.		Money. £ s. d.	
William Tucker	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	2 0 0	
J. Mathews	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	2 0 0	
Alice Webb	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	6 10 0	with fines
George Snow	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	1 0 0	
William Pitt	2 12 0			
Michael Deyos	2 12 0			
George Hart	4 16 8	with increase under Forlorn Hope Estate.		
Sir Thomas Langton	2 10 0			
John Dymer	2 8 4	with increase.		
Edward Baugh	24 3 4	ditto.		
Thomas Bevin	4 16 8	ditto.		
Alexander James	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	4 16 8	with increase.
Timothy Parker	2 8 4			
John Reade	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	7 5 0	ditto.
John Hart	2 8 4	with increase.		
George Morris	4 16 8	ditto.		
Richard Vaughan	2 8 4	ditto.		
Sir William Cann	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	7 5 0	with increase.
Charles Herbert	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	2 8 4	ditto.
Stephen Watts	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	2 8 4	with increase.
John Sandford	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	2 8 4	ditto.
Jedidiah Pickford	7 5 0	with increase.		
Joan Mitchell	0 10 0			
Charles Roynon	1 0 0			
William Evans	0 10 0			
Dr. John Reade	1 0 0			
John Williams	0 10 0			
John Britain	1 0 0			
Alice James	1 0 0			
Dr. John Gaskarth	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	1 10 0	
John Haythorne	0 10 0			
John Stevens	1 0 0			
Thomas Hungerford Sen. (bread and coals)	2 10 0			
Thomas Hungerford Jun. (bread and coals)	2 10 0			
Paul Weston	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	0 16 0	
Nathan Drew	0 12 0			

DONORS.	Bread. £ s. d.		Money. £ s. d.	
Thomas Territt	0 10 0			
Henry Bright	4 17 0			
John Helps	5 5 9	the dividend, 5*l.* has only been paid.		
James Stevens	0 10 7	the dividend, 10*s.* has only been paid.		
Mrs. and Miss Holmes ..	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	6 7 0	
Robert Salmon	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	4 0 0	reduced from the navy 5 to 4 cents.
Mary Bannister	2 6 10			
Richard Aldridge	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	2 17 6	
—— Cox	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	0 10 0	

As by the general provisions settled by act of Parliament, for the relief of those who come under the denomination of parish poor, in the city of Bristol, there can be none of that description which can be considered as locally charged upon St. Nicholas's parish, and it would be a misapplication of these particular charities, if they were made to go in relief of that part of the population which is maintained at the expense of the corporation of the poor; it appears that it would be an arrangement very beneficial to this parish, and more in correspondence with the probable wishes of the different donors, if those gifts, which have been above exhibited under the head of discretional gifts, were all made to go in the same channels of bounty which have been prescribed by those who have limited their charities to housekeepers and widows; and greater effect still might be given to this principal division, if the persons receiving this benefit, under the denomination of housekeepers and widows, were thrown into different lists or classes, proceeding from smaller to larger numbers; the sums appropriated to these different lists being so arranged as to constitute a regular gradation in the relief.

These suggestions have been met by a very prompt acquiescence on the part of the vestry, who have declared themselves to think that the gifts would be much better disposed of in the way pointed out, than in the indiscriminate mode hitherto pursued. Being unwilling, however, to discontinue or diminish their weekly distribution of bread, they propose to deduct from this discretional fund, as much as, with Chaloner's gift, will enable them to continue to give weekly bread to the amount of 20*l.* 16*s.* per annum, as heretofore.

They have since agreed upon the following resolutions, a copy of which they have transmitted to us, by the hands of their vestry clerk:—

"At a meeting of the vestry of the parish of St. Nicholas, held this 9th day of May, 1823;—

"The vestry clerk having reported to the vestry the suggestions which were made to him on Wednesday the 7th instant, by the commissioners for charities, as to the future application of those gifts which, according to the lists arranged by the commissioners, may be considered as discretional, and his answer to the commissioners:—

"Resolved, that the vestry concur generally in the view which the commissioners have taken of the future application of these gifts, and that, by giving them the direction

to housekeepers and widows upon a graduated scale, according to lists to be previously arranged and carefully selected, great and extensive benefit may be effected.

"Resolved, that the vestry clerk be directed to inform the commissioners, that the vestry upon calculation of the means at their disposal, and of the probable number and wants of the objects likely to be presented to their consideration, are of opinion, that lists graduated upon the following scale, or as near thereto as may be found to answer in practice, may be safely and properly adopted; it being, however, understood, that the classes of housekeepers and widows are not to be considered as necessarily excluding other meritorious persons:—

WIDOWS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
2 .. .. .. at	3	0	0	6	0	0			
4 .. .. .. at	2	0	0	8	0	0			
8 .. .. .. at	1	0	0	8	0	0			
16 .. .. .. at	0	10	0	8	0	0			
							30	0	0

HOUSEKEEPERS.

1 .. .. .. at	10	0	0	..	..	..	10	0	0
4 .. .. .. at	5	0	0	..	..	..	20	0	0
6 .. .. .. at	4	0	0	..	..	..	24	0	0
10 .. .. .. at	3	0	0	..	..	..	30	0	0
16 .. .. .. at	2	0	0	..	..	..	32	0	0
28 .. .. .. at	1	0	0	..	..	..	28	0	0
40 .. .. .. at	0	10	0	..	..	..	20	0	0
							194	0	0

"The foregoing calculations include all the sums in the discretional list, deducting the charge for weekly bread, and, of course, embrace the donations to widows and housekeepers; but they will be subject to alteration, as the income may happen to fluctuate.

"Mr. William Hassell, treasurer of the St. Nicholas parish school in King-street, having reported to this vestry, that there was 225*l.* stock in the navy five per cents. (now reduced to four per cents.), vested for the use and benefit of said school, and now standing in the name of the Rev. John Eden; also a balance of 22*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* now in the treasurer's hands, as laid before the commissioners of charities on their recent investigation:—

"Ordered, that the said stock be transferred into the names of the Rev. John Eden, the vicar, Mr. William Hassell, the treasurer, and Messrs. J. W. Attwood and Henry Barry, churchwardens, for the benefit of the said school; and that the treasurer be requested to purchase 20*l.* stock in the new four per cents., to be added to the before-mentioned stock.

"Resolved, that the treasurer of the said school be requested to report to this vestry, every year, the state of its finances, and take their instructions for the application thereof, until the vestry shall resolve upon the final appropriation; and that these resolutions be also communicated to the commissioners of charities."

The following is the rental of the church lands of the parish of St. Nicholas:—

A RENTAL OF LANDS AND TENEMENTS,

Belonging to the Parish of St. Nicholas, in the City of Bristol.

No. of Lease.	THE BACK.	£.	s.	d.
	A quit-rent out of a house, in tenure of John Gratton, for building on church-yard wall, now paid by Mrs. Angell, due 25th March, 1821 - - - -	0	10	0
	SAINT NICHOLAS-STREET.			
	Interest on 320*l.* at four per cent., from the chamber of Bristol, for a house sold them, lately inhabited by widow Silcox, due 25th December, 1820 - - -	12	16	0
1.	A chief-rent for a cellar at the west-end of the church, occupied by William Gibbs; and a slip of land, on which is built a butcher's shop, occupied by William Cox, leased to Dr. Abraham Ludlow, 2d June, 1819, for 40 years, commencing 29th November, 1817, paid by William Gibbs, due 25th March, 1821 - - - -	0	1	0
2.	A chief-rent for a warehouse and lofts, in tenure of John Robert Lucas, leased to him 25th March, 1813, for a term of 40 years, commencing 25th March, 1804, renewable every 14 years, paid by him, due 25th March, 1821 -	2	0	0
	A gift, out of a cellar belonging to Alderman Whitson's feoffees, under the house, late in the tenure of Wingate & Co., and now paid by the chamberlain, due 29th September, 1821	0	10	0
3.	A chief-rent out of two lofts and cellars, in the tenure of John Robert Lucas, leased to him 25th March, 1813, on the lives of Mary Chance, late Mary Lucas, John Robert Lucas, and Edward Homer, paid by lessee, due 25th March, 1821	2	0	0
	BALDWIN-STREET.			
4.	A chief-rent of Walter Jacks, three tenements re-built into one house, now in the tenure of William Lewis, since which another house has been added, in tenure of George Huxtable, leased to Messrs. Roberts, Webb, & Pick, 20th October, 1809, on the lives of William Waters, Junior, (son of William Waters, Christ-Church, Monmouthshire,) Robert Henry Webb and William Webb, now paid by lessees, due 25th March, 1821 - - - -	9	0	0

A Rental of Lands and Tenements—*continued.*

No. of Lease.		£	s.	d.
5.	A chief-rent of a house occupied by Thomas Short, and leased to John Stephens and Stephen Peacock, 25th March, 1803, in trust, for John Campbell and wife, for 42 years, and now paid by widow Kinton, due 25th March, 1821 -	7	0	0
	A quit-rent of a house in tenure of widow Cumley, due 25th March, 1821 - - - -	0	2	0
	A quit-rent of a house, occupied by James Bigwood, and paid by him, due 25th March, 1821 - - -	0	2	0
	A quit-rent of a house, in tenure of Richard Hamlen, and paid by him, due 25th March, 1821 - - -	0	1	0
	A chief-rent of a house, leased to James Paddon, 2d October, 1809, for 40 years, commencing 29th September, 1809, paid by lessee, due 25th March, 1821, bought with Elizabeth Hall's gift for 12 sermons - - -	1	0	0
	A quit-rent of a house, in tenure of John Ellis, and paid by him, due 25th March, 1821 - - -	0	6	8
	A quit-rent of a house, formerly occupied by John Cooper, now taken down, paid by the chamber, due 25th March, 1821	0	4	9
	A quit-rent of a house, formerly occupied by John Rogers, now taken down, paid by the chamber, due 25th March, 1821	0	3	3
	A quit-rent of a house, formerly called the Golden Cross, now in tenure of ————, and paid by Mr. Birtill, due 25th March, 1821 - - - -	0	4	0
	GUN-YARD.			
7.	A chief-rent for six tenements, leased to Felix Jones, 15th September, 1809, on the lives of James Palmer, Mary Salmon, and Hannah Jones, daughter of lessee, paid by lessee, due 25th March, 1821 - - - -	6	0	0
8.	A chief-rent of warehouse and lofts, occupied by and leased to Jacob William Attwood, 15th September, 1809, on the lives of James Palmer, Mary Salmon, and William Henry Terrell, son of William Terrell, paid by lessee, due 25th March, 1821	6	0	0
9.	*A chief-rent for a tenement, occupied by John Stevens, now let to widow Dunn, which was leased to Simon Pedley, Esquire, 12th June, 1765, on the lives of Joseph George Pedley and Elizabeth Pedley, now paid by widow Dunn, due 25th March,* 1821 - - - -	1	10	0
	N.B.—*Out of the above is paid the gift of Alderman James.*			
10.	A chief-rent for a tenement, leased to Thomas Llewellin, 25th March, 1791, on the lives of Elizabeth Gibley, Thomas Gibley, and Lancelot Gravenor, now paid by Thomas Llewellin, due 25th March, 1821 - -	2	0	0

A Rental of Lands and Tenements—*continued.*

No. of Lease.		£	s.	d.
11.	A chief-rent out of a house, occupied by Elkanah Wookey, leased to Solomon Roach, February 3d, 1794, on the lives of Philip George, James George (now dead), and William Lewton Clarke, paid by Messrs. Roach, due 25th March, 1821	1	0	0
12.	A chief-rent of a house, occupied by John Bishop, leased to Ann Bayley, 8th March, 1775, on the lives of lessee and Mathew A. Deane, (since dead), paid by William Green, due 25th March, 1821 - - - -	1	0	0
13.	A chief-rent of a house, occupied by Mrs. Adlam, and leased to her 29th September, 1815, for 40 years, renewable every 14 years, and now paid by said Elizabeth Adlam, due 25th March, 1821 - - - -	1	0	0
14.	A chief-rent of a house, occupied by John Turner, leased to John Hartnell, Benjamin Fryer, and Thomas Perrington, 29th September, 1800, on the lives of John Davis, Elizabeth Simmons, daughter of William Simmons, of Bristol, merchant, and Elizabeth Wigginton Hartnell, daughter of lessee, paid by Samuel Campbell, due 25th March, 1821 -	1	0	0
15.	A chief-rent of two houses, occupied by ——— Barrow, leased to Jacob William Attwood, 13th August, 1821, on the lives of Mary Salmon and Elizabeth Salmon, (now Abraham), since dead, and Charlotte Eliza Hassell, daughter of William Hassell, paid by Jacob William Attwood, due 25th March, 1821 - - . - -	2	0	0
	A quit-rent out of a house, occupied by Richard Jones, paid by Thomas Llewellin, due 25th March, 1821 -	0	8	0
16.	A chief-rent of a house, occupied by ——— Johnston, William Turnbull, leased to him January 6th, 1800, for 92 years absolute, paid by lessee, due 25th March, 1821 -	3	0	0
	N.B.—The ground, whereon the above-mentioned house stands, was taken by the feoffees of St. Nicholas, of the corporation of Bristol, in exchange for three houses on the opposite side of the street, the 17th September, 1795.			
	RACKHAY.			
17.	A chief-rent for three tenements, a yard and two stables, leased to John Cocking, August 15th, 1769, on the lives of Thomas Rogers (since dead), William Rogers (since dead), and William Cocking, now paid by widow Cocking, due 25th March, 1821	4	0	0

A Rental of Lands and Tenements—*continued*.

No. of Lease.		£	s.	d.
18.	A chief-rent of a tenement, late Shapland's, leased to Mary Salmon, 15th September, 1809, on the lives of John Perry, Elizabeth Salmon (now Abraham), now dead, and Edward Pritchard, son of Thomas Pritchard, and now paid by Mr. Husenbeth, due 25th March, 1821 - -	2	0	0
19.	A chief-rent for a tenement, late Lanyards, sold by George Attwood's assignees to Robert Salmon, and leased to him 25th June, 1781, and is now part of the warehouse in the Gun-yard, in the occupation of J. W. Attwood, and now paid by him, due 25th March, 1821 - -	1	0	0
19.	A chief-rent for two tenements, in the tenure of sundry persons, leased to Edward Harris, September 29th, 1784, on the lives of Mary his wife, Benjamin and Joseph his sons, and paid by William Winter, due 25th March, 1821 - -	1	10	0
	N.B.—Joseph and Mary are since dead.			
20.	Two chief-rents of 1*l.* each, for two tenements in tenure of sundry persons, formerly leased to Richard Hankins, and now by two leases to Frederick Charles Husenbeth, 25th March, 1818, on the lives of Frederick Charles Husenbeth, Eliza Maria Frances Husenbeth, (children of lessee), and George Greensteed Goldwyer, and now paid by lessee, due 25th March, 1821 - - - -	2	0	0
21.	A chief-rent, late in hand, leased to Elizabeth Adlam, May 1st, 1812, on the lives of Elizabeth, Harriet, and Stephen Adlam, now paid by lessee, due 25th March, 1821 -	0	10	0
22.	A chief-rent for three tenements, leased to W. Lloyd, 24th June, 1789, for the lives of himself (since dead), his wife, and William his son, now paid by Mrs. Campbell, due 25th March, 1821 - - - -	3	0	0
23.	A chief-rent of Benjamin Richards, for a tenement leased to him December 21st, 1788, for the lives of himself, Eleanor his wife, and Margaret their daughter, paid by Mr. Edgar, due 25th March, 1821 - - - -	1	0	0
24.	A chief-rent of widow Campbell, for a tenement leased to her late husband, 21st December, 1788, on her life, his (now dead), and their son William, now paid by Mrs. Campbell, due 25th March, 1821. - -	1	0	0
25.	A chief-rent of widow Salmon, for tenements leased to Robert Salmon, 21st December, 1788, on the lives of Ann Salmon, John Salmon, and Sarah Salmon, paid by Mr. Husenbeth, due 25th March, 1821 - - -	1	0	0

A Rental of Lands and Tenements—*continued.*

No. of Lease.		£	s.	d.
	KING-STREET.			
26.	A chief-rent for a house and cellar, in tenure of William Hobbs, leased to W. Wanklyn, for 40 years, commencing 25th March, 1816, and paid by his representative Mr. John Dowell, due 25th March, 1821 - -	3	15	0
27.	A chief-rent of a cellar under the almshouse, leased to Esther Hellicar for 40 years, commencing 25th March, 1812, and paid by T. & J. Hellicar, due 25th March, 1821 -	0	5	0
	A rent for the almshouse, payable by the corporation of St. Peter's hospital, due 25th March, 1821 - -	5	0	0
	REDCROSS-STREET.			
28.	A chief-rent for three dwelling-houses, and three small tenements and premises lying behind, leased to John Penduck, 11th August, 1821, for 40 years, commencing 25th March, 1821, and paid by John Penduck, due 25th March, 1821 -	2	5	0
28 & 29 are charged with John Brown's gift, 11.6s.8d. shirts, &c.				
29.	A chief-rent for a house and tan-yard, late Sarah Burke, now in tenure of John Naish, leased to him 2d August, 1816, on the lives of George Neave, James Moon, James and Samuel Naish, son of lessee, paid by lessee, due 25th March, 1821 -	3	0	0
	THE WEAR.			
30.	A chief-rent for three tenements and some loose ground behind, leased to Joseph Glascodine, 31st December, 1797, on the lives of himself, Richard Glascodine, and Henry Pope, and paid by Llewellin, 10*s.*; Richard Frost, 14*s.*; T. Andrews, 16*s.*; due 25th March, 1821 - - -	2	0	0
	N.B.—Richard and Joseph Glascodine, since dead.			
	REDCLIFF HILL.			
31.	A chief-rent of a house, leased to William Colmer, 2d June, 1819, for the lives of Thomas Smith, John Smith, and Charlotte Colmer, now paid by Mr. Colmer, due 25th March, 1821	0	4	0
	CHURCHWARDEN OF ST. MARY PORT.			
	The annual gift of Alderman Berkin - -	2	0	0
	CHAMBER OF BRISTOL.			
	The gift of Alderman Whitson, part interest of 250l. -	2	10	0
	Ditto, Alderman Kitchen - - -	2	0	0
	Ditto, Alderman Harrington - - -	2	0	0

A Rental of Lands and Tenements—*continued.*

No. of Leases.		£	s.	d.
	LEWIN'S MEAD.			
32.	A chief-rent of a house, in tenure of George Rogers, by lease granted to him 27th July, 1802, on the lives of John Naish, Junior, Dennis Rogers, and Elizabeth Rogers, paid by John Conibee, due 25th March, 1821 - -	3	0	0
33.	*A chief-rent of a house, occupied by Henry Cole, leased to William Stock, 15th September, 1809, on the lives of Mary Arthur, Elizabeth Stock, and William Stock Arthur, paid by lessee, due 25th March,* 1821 - - -	1	0	0
34.	*A chief-rent for a tenement, called the Sugar Loaf, and a plot of ground, leased to James Tanner, 30th September,* 1814, *on the lives of George Eaton, William Butler, son of John Butler, Sen., and Joseph Storrs Fry, rebuilt by him, and now paid by lessee, due 25th March,* 1821 - - -	1	10	0
35.	*A chief-rent for a plot of ground, leased to Robert Tilladem, May 1st,* 1786, *on the lives of Samuel Devonshire Willmott, William Willmott, and Samuel Powell, built by him, and now paid by William Bampfield, due 25th March,* 1821.	1	0	0
36.	*A chief-rent for a plot of ground, leased to Robert De John Court, 25th March,* 1791, *on the lives of Sarah Tilladem, John Tilladem, and Elizabeth De John Court, (lessee's wife) built upon by William Tilladem, paid by William Bateman, due 25th March,* 1821 - - - - *Sarah Tilladem died 18th August,* 1810; *John Tilladem also dead.*	1	10	0
37.	*A chief-rent for a plot of ground, leased to Robert Tilladem, May 1st,* 1786, *on the lives of James Forster, James Kingston, and Benjamin Fryer, built upon by him, and now paid by William Bampfield, due 25th March,* 1821 - -	1	10	0
	MILK-STREET.			
38.	A chief-rent for a tenement and garden, leased to Thomas Dennis, 29th September, 1819, on the lives of John Harvey, aged 18 years, son of John Harvey, of Bristol, grocer; George Gribble, aged 13 years, son of John Gribble, of Exeter, cordwainer; and William Gale, aged 15 years, son of William Gale, of the Parish of St. Philip and Jacob, county of Gloucester, victualler, (Milk-street), now paid by lessee, due 25th March, 1821 - - -	1	0	0

Nos. 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37, are the premises given by Alice Webb.

A Rental of Lands and Tenements—*continued.*

No. of Lease.		£	s.	d.
	TUCKER-STREET.			
39. *Charged with George Snow's gift, £1.*	A chief-rent for a house, sugar-house, &c. granted to John Herman Kater, 14th May, 1792, for 99 years, on the lives of James Camplin, son of Richard Camplin, deceased, His Royal Highness the Duke of York, and J. Reinke Kater, son of lessee, and now paid by Daniel Stanton, due 25th March, 1821 - - - - -	4	0	0
	John R. Kater, since dead.			
	ST. PAUL'S.			
40.	*Two pasture grounds, called Ragland's, or Forlorn Hope estate, about* 13 *acres, with a tenement thereon, now let on lease to John Cole, for seven years, commencing 25th March,* 1821, *at a yearly rent of* 152*l. per annum, he paying all taxes, except the landlord's property-tax (if any,) due 25th March,* 1822	152	0	0
	REDCLIFF ESTATE ON THE CORONATION ROAD.			
	PARISH OF BEDMINSTER.			
Charged with the following yearly payments: Tucker .. 2l. Mathews ..2l. £4.	An estate, consisting of 5A. 2R. 15P. of pasture land, purchased of Bristol Dock Company, 1st September, 1819, for 1,390*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* in tenure of Mathew Taylor, at rack-rent, at per annum			
	No regular letting, but the residue (being 4A. 1R. 28P.*) worth* 5*l. per acre per annum* - - -	22	2	6
	N.B.—One acre and 27 perches, part of above land, sold August, 1821, to trustees of the Winford and Dundry roads for 292*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*, and now forming part of the New Coronation Road aforesaid.			
	GIFTS.			
	By Mr. Deyos, for a sermon - -	0	13	4
	Ditto, clerk and sexton - -	0	4	8
	Ditto, poor, weekly, in bread -	2	12	0
	N.B.—*The above* 3*l.* 10*s. per annum, is payable out of a house on the Back, occupied by John Smith, and now paid by Mr. Smith, due 25th March,* 1821.			
	Of Derick Popley, Esquire, out of a tenement on the Quay, formerly in tenure of Mr. Rosser, occupied by Johnson & Pritchard, and paid by them, due 25th March, 1821	0	10	0

A Rental of Lands and Tenements—*continued.*

	£	s.	d.
Of Edward Cox, in coal, paid by the chamber, due 25th March, 1821 - - - -	0	10	0
Of Elizabeth Tudor, payable out of two houses in St. Thomas street, occupied by James Dunbar, and tenant, and paid by them, due 25th March, 1821 - - -	0	10	0

N.B.—The premises, which are *wholly* applicable to charities, are inserted in *italic;* where *only partially* charged, the amount of such *charge* is inserted in *figures cut after the antique.*

PARISH OF ST. PAUL.

Charities originally given to the parish of Saint James, and after the division of that parish, shared by the parish of Saint Paul, under the agreement entered into for apportioning the same charities ;—

John Brock's Charity.

Charities given to the parish of Saint Paul, since the division of Saint James's into the two parishes ;—

Mrs. Rosanna Halstone's Gift.

Miss Elizabeth Ludlow's Gift.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ludlow's Charity.

Ann Corey's Charity.

CHARITIES ORIGINALLY GIVEN TO THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES, AND AFTER THE DIVISION OF THAT PARISH, SHARED BY THE PARISH OF ST. PAUL, UNDER THE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO FOR APPORTIONING THE SAME CHARITIES.

By the deed of division dated 29th September, 1810, fully set forth in the Statement subjoined to the Reports of the Charities of St. James's parish, the proportion which the parish of St. Paul was to have, of the whole amount of the benefactions which had been given to the parish of St. James before the division, was, as has been made to appear, adjusted at 57*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* per annum, which, by the accession of the several sums of 3*l.*, 2*l.*, and 7*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*, in the said deed mentioned, was increased to 70*l.* per annum.

This annual sum, so payable to St. Paul's parish, has been applied towards the relief of the poor of that parish, partly in weekly and annual distributions of bread, partly in various articles of clothing, and partly in money; and having regard to the total amount of the sums distributable under the several gifts of the respective donors, in bread, clothes, and money, the accounts of this parish show, that its full proportion has been bestowed on those particular objects respectively. The amount of the proportion of St. Paul's, in bread, may be taken at about 22*l.*, and the actual distribution has generally been about 23*l.* The proportion of St. Paul's, in clothes, would amount to about 10*l.*, leaving out the donation of John Brock, which will require a separate statement; and the amount of what has been usually laid out in clothes, including shoes, has been about 21*l.* The amount of money gifts, according to the proportion assigned to the same parish, would be between 24*l.* and 25*l.*, and the amount bestowed on those objects has been 24*l.* 14.*s* 6*d.*

JOHN BROCK'S CHARITY.

John Brock, as has already appeared by the Report concerning his benefaction, among the charities of St. James's parish, by his will, dated 25th September, 1751, left

his personal estate to Oliver Jelf and William Hammond, upon trust, to lay out the residue thereof, after paying certain legacies, and setting up iron gates in the chancel of St. James's church, to the poor of the said parish of St. James, in shoes and stockings. With this residue, as has been above shown, the trustees purchased two houses, one in Cannon-street, the other in Magdalen-lane; and, while the trustees named in the will lived, the rents were disposed of in purchasing shoes and stockings for the poor. Oliver Jelf survived his co-trustee, and Christopher Lilly, his executor, continued the same application.

In 1805, being several years after the division of the parish of St. James, the house in Magdalen-lane was, and from that time has been, considered as belonging to the parish of St. Paul, the rent of which has to the present time, first by the said Lilly, and afterwards by the churchwardens of St. Paul's parish, been distributed in stockings to the poor, except a small balance which has been carried forward. The rent was first received by the churchwardens of this parish, on the 15th of March, 1815, due on the 21st December, 1814, for the preceding half year, who continue to let the house and receive the rent, which is at present 8*l.*, but from which must be deducted the ground rent of 1*l.* 7*s.*, and a small annual sum for repairs. It is let from year to year, and it is thought that 8*l.* is an adequate rent. The accounts show that the above application has been made of these net rents, of which a separate account is kept.

In the distribution which is made by this parish of the said share, received from St. James's parish, we do not find that a literal regard is paid to the express directions of the respective donors; but in the total distribution which the vestry makes in bread and in clothes, the general intentions and objects of the benefactions appear to be in substance comprehended.

The total amount of what is meant to be distributed in money is divided into even portions, the minister and churchwardens being complimented with a somewhat larger amount for distribution than the rest of the vestry, who receive equal portions; and it seems that every vestryman, upon the receipt of this money, has considered himself as having a right to dispose of it in the manner he has thought best for the benefit of the poor. These allotted portions of the money gifts have usually been given away in cash; but it has been judged by some to be the discreeter mode of employing the money to make small purchases of useful articles, and to give it away in that shape, which affords the opportunity of employing other people, and spreading the benefit further.

As by this mode of apportioning the money gifts, every vestryman seems to be rendered capable of giving away the money at his own discretion, without accounting for the particular application he had made of it, it seemed to us that it would be a wholesome check upon this discretional application, were each person to keep a list of the names of those he has relieved, and of the particular sums given away to each, and to submit it to the vestry; and our recommendation to adopt this mode in future was promised by the vestry clerk to be submitted to the consideration of the vestry.

CHARITIES GIVEN TO THE PARISH OF ST. PAUL, SINCE THE DIVISION OF ST. JAMES'S INTO THE TWO PARISHES.

MRS. ROSANNA HALSTONE'S GIFT.

MRS. ROSANNA HALSTONE, of the parish of St. Paul, in the city of Bristol, widow, by her will, dated 23d March, 1805, gave to the rector of the parish of St. Paul for the time being, and his successors, yearly, for ever, the sum of 2*l.* 2*s.* to preach a sermon, on the 1st day of May, yearly, for ever; and to the curate of the parish of St. Paul for the time being, yearly, for ever, the sum of 10*s.* 6*d.*; and also to the clerk and sexton of the said parish for the time being, yearly, for ever, the sum of 5*s.* each; she also gave to the said rector of the parish of St. Paul for the time being, and his successors, yearly, for ever, the sum of 3*l.* 3*s.* upon trust, to pay and apply the sum of 2*l.* 2*s.* part thereof, from time to time, as soon as the same should be received by him or them, towards the support of the benevolent school belonging to the said parish of St. Paul; and the remaining sum of 1*l.* 1*s.* to be laid out in the purchase of bread, to be given to such of the poor housekeepers residing in the said parish of St. Paul, on the said 1st day of May, yearly, for ever, as the rector of the said parish for the time being, and his successors, should think proper; and the said testatrix also gave to the rector of the parish of St. Peter, for the time being, and his successors, yearly for ever, the sum of 2*l.* 2*s.* to preach a sermon on the 1st day of May, yearly, and every year, and to the curate for the time being of the said parish of St. Peter, yearly, for ever, the sum of 10*s.* 6*d.*; and also to the clerk and sexton of the said parish of St. Peter for the time being, yearly, for ever, the sum of 5*s.* each. And it was her will and mind, and she did thereby direct, that in case the rectors for the time being, of the said several parishes of St. Paul, and St. Peter, did not preach the sermons themselves on the 1st day of May yearly, (unless prevented by sickness, or any other unforeseen accident), that then the said legacies of 2*l.* 2*s.* so given to them respectively as aforesaid, should be void; and every such time they should respectively neglect to preach the said sermons themselves, she desired the same might not be paid to him or them so neglecting to preach as aforesaid. Also she gave to the rector of the said parish of St. Peter for the time being, and his successors, yearly, for ever, the sum of 2*l.* 2*s.* upon trust, to lay out the same in the purchase of bread, to be given to such of the poor housekeepers residing in the said parish of St. Peter, and Castle Precincts respectively, as the said rector of the said parish of St. Peter, and his successors, should think proper, which said respective legacies or sums of money thereinbefore by her will given and bequeathed, she directed to be paid out of the rents and profits of her messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house, situate in Somerset-square, in the parish of Bedminster, in the county of Somerset, and then let to Isaac Jacobs, at the yearly rent of 31*l.* 10*s.*; and she subjected and charged the same messuage and

hereditaments with the payment thereof accordingly, and directed the same to be paid on the 1st day of May, yearly, and every year, for ever; the first payment thereof to begin and be made on the said 1st day of May, which should first happen next after her decease.

By an indenture bearing date the 8th May, 1819, made between Mary Peters, of the city of Bristol, widow, of the first part; Jeremiah Osborne and Richard Brickdale Ward, gentlemen, of the second part; and the Rev. James Olive, clerk, rector of the parish of St. Paul, and the Rev. Henry Bevan, clerk, and rector of the parish of St. Peter, of the third part; reciting, that by indenture bearing date 1st November, 1634, between George Gibbs, brewer, of the one part; and Henry Lloyd, brewer, of the other part; a close of ground, called Cathay, situate in the parish of Bedminster, in the county of Somerset, and being the close on part whereof the premises thereinafter described were built, was demised by the said George Gibbs to the said Henry Lloyd, his executors, administrators, and assigns, for the term of 1,000 years, from the determination of a term of 21 years therein mentioned; and that by virtue of divers mesne assignments, and ultimately by an indenture, bearing date the 24th June, 1789, and made between John Cave and Nathan Windy, of the first part; Emanuel Shears and Sampson Mitchell, and Ann his wife, of the second part; and Mary Munro, spinster, of the third part; all that messuage or tenement, situate, lying, and being on the north angle of a certain square, called Somerset-square, erected and built on part of the said close of ground, comprised in the said term of 1000 years; and also all that little stable, then held and enjoyed with such messuage, situate at the lower end of the said square, next adjoining to Redcliff mead, with their and every their appurtenances, became vested in the said Mary Munro, her executors, administrators, and assigns, for the remainder of the said term of 1,000 years; and reciting, that the said Mary Munro made her will in writing, bearing date 17th June, 1796, whereby she nominated her mother, Rosanna Halstone, and Edmund Eastcourt, Esquire, executors thereof; and, after giving certain legacies, gave to her said mother all the residue of her said personal estate, and all her freehold and leasehold houses, during her natural life, or until she should be married, and, after her death or marriage, gave the same unto the then Marquis of Worcester, now Duke of Beaufort; and reciting, that the said Mary Munro departed this life without having revoked or altered her said will, which was duly proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 13th September, 1797, by the said Edmund Eastcourt alone, who assented to the aforesaid request; and reciting the will of Rosanna Halstone, as hereinbefore set forth; and also reciting, that the said Rosanna Halstone had thereby assumed a right which she did not possess, being tenant for life only of the said premises, and therefore not entitled to subject, charge, or make liable the said premises, with the payment of the said sums of money; and that after her decease, the said premises were, by the order of the Duke of Beaufort, who was then entitled thereto by virtue of such executory bequest to him by the said Mary Munro as aforesaid, put up for sale by auction, subject to certain printed conditions of sale, one of which was, that inasmuch as the vendor was desirous of carrying into effect the intentions of the said last-named testatrix in regard to her said recited bequests, which were apprehended to be void, the vendor should be at liberty, by such ways and assurances as counsel might advise, to secure upon such premises the said several legacies and bequests to proper trustees, upon

the several trusts declared by the said will of the said Rosanna Halstone ; and reciting, that John Peters, of the city of Bristol, gentleman, since dead, the late husband of the said Mary Peters, became the purchaser of such premises at the said auction, subject to the aforesaid condition, but died before the same was assigned to him, having made a will, and appointed the said Mary Peters and two other persons executors thereof; and reciting, that by an indenture of assignment of five parts, bearing date 1st November, 1818, made between the said Osborne and Ward, to whom the same premises had been assigned by the said Duke of Beaufort, in trust, to perform the contract so entered into by the said John Peters as aforesaid, of the first part; Philip Miles and Philip John Miles, of the second part; Hannah Saunders, of the third part; the said Mary Peters, of the fourth part; and Thomas Clark and Christopher Deake, of the fifth part; the said several premises were assigned to the said Mary Peters, her executors, administrators, and assigns, for her and their own absolute use, for the residue of the said term of 1,000 years; and that such assignment was made upon the terms, that the said indenture then in recital should be executed by her ; it was witnessed, that the said Mary Peters did thereby give, grant, and confirm unto the said James Olive and Henry Bevan, their executors, administrators, and assigns, for and during so many years as were then to come and unexpired of the said term of 1000 years, one annuity, or clear yearly rent or annual sum of 11*l.* 10*s.*, to be yearly issuing, and to be charged upon all the premises assigned to the said Mary Peters, with their and every of their appurtenances, upon trust, that they should pay to the said several legatees named in the will of the said Rosanna Halstone, and for the purposes therein declared, the said several sums thereby bequeathed to them, in case they would under the said will, had it been valid in that respect, have been entitled to the payment thereof; but in case the rectors for the time being of the said several parishes of St. Paul and St. Peter, or any or either of them, should at any time forfeit the legacies so bequeathed to them, then to pay to the person or persons for the time being entitled to the rents and profits of the said premises charged therewith, the sum or sums of money so forfeited, with a power of distress in case the said annuity should not be regularly paid ; and also a power of appointing new trustees in case of death, or refusing to act, or absence from the kingdom.

The premises in Somerset-square belong to Mrs. Peters, who has regularly paid the rent-charge of 6*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* to the Reverend James Olive, minister of St. Paul's, to the time of his quitting the living, which was about the month of September last.

By a statement received from Mr. Olive (since deceased), whose ill state of health prevented him from attending us, it appears, that after retaining the two guineas to himself, he regularly distributed the remainder to the different objects of the testatrix's bounty. Mr. Olive also sent us a small book of accounts, by which it appeared that the distribution had been regularly made.

FURTHER GIFT OF MRS. ROSANNA HALSTONE.

The said testatrix, by her said will, also gave and bequeathed to the churchwardens of the said parish of St. Paul, for the time being, and their successors, for ever, the sum of 37*l.* 10*s.* upon trust, to invest the same at interest; and the interest and profits arising therefrom from time to time, as the same should be received by them, to lay out

in the purchase of bread, to be by them distributed amongst such of the poor house keepers of the said parish of St. Paul, as the rector for the time being should think proper.

It appears, from an entry in the churchwarden's accounts, that the sum of 33*l.* 15*s.* being the amount of the said legacy, after deducting the legacy duty, was received in April, 1806, and was then lent to the commissioners for building the church of St. Paul at interest; and that the same was, about the year 1812, called in and invested, together with a legacy of 100*l.* given by Miss Elizabeth Ludlow to this parish, in the purchase of 166*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*, four per cent annuities, now standing in the names of the Reverend James Olive and William Bushell.

There does not appear, in the books, to have been any specific application of the interest of this gift until the money was invested in the funds; but no doubt is entertained, that Dr. Small, who was Mr. Olive's immediate predecessor in the living, received the interest, and distributed it, in bread, among the poor. Since the money has been invested, it appears, by the churchwarden's accounts, that they have regularly received the dividends on the sum of 166*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.* amounting to 6*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*; and that, after deducting occasional expenses for powers of attorney for receiving the same dividends, they have distributed the remainder, in weekly bread, among the poor.

MISS ELIZABETH LUDLOW'S GIFT.

Elizabeth Ludlow, late of the city of Bristol, spinster, deceased, by her will, dated 11th February, 1805, gave and bequeathed, as follows:—"I give and bequeath unto the minister and churchwardens for the time being of the said parish of St. Paul, the sum of 100*l.* of lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, current in Great Britain, upon trust, to lay out and invest the same at interest in some or one of the public stocks or funds, and from time to time receive and take the dividends, proceeds, and produce arising therefrom, when and as the same shall become due and payable, and lay out the same dividends, proceeds, and produce, in the purchase of bread, and distribute the same to the poor of the said parish, on the Lord's day, annually, for ever."

It appears, by the churchwarden's accounts, that the sum of 90*l.* (being the amount of this legacy, after deducting the legacy duty, was received, November 26th, 1812, by the then churchwardens, and was invested, together with the before-mentioned legacy of Mrs. Halstone, in the purchase of 166*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*, four per cents, as above-mentioned; and it also appears, that the dividends upon this sum have been received, and applied in the purchase of bread, to the poor, which has been distributed at the same time and in the same manner as the interest of Mrs. Halstone's above-mentioned.

MRS. ELIZABETH LUDLOW'S CHARITY.

In the donation book belonging to this parish is the following entry :—

"Copy. Paper in the hand-writing of the late Abraham Ludlow, Esq. M. D.

"To perpetuate the piety and charity of Elizabeth Ludlow (the most amiable of wives), her husband hath, this day, caused 200*l.* three per cent. consolidated stock, to be transferred to the Reverend Joseph Atwell Small, D. D., minister of this parish ; Richard Nelmes, Esq., and Stephen Cave, Esq., of the same, and Thomas Walker, Esq., of Redland, in the county of Gloucester, in trust, that they and their successors shall receive the interest arising therefrom, and pay the same to the minister of the said parish for the time being, that he may apply the same to the following purposes, viz :—

	£.	s.	d.
To himself, for preaching a sermon on the benefits of the death and resurrection of Christ to the true believer, on the 26th of December, (being the anniversary of her death), or the Sunday after	1	11	6
To six poor widows of the parishes of St. Paul and St. James, 10*s.* 6*d.* each.	3	3	0
To the organist, who shall provide a proper person to sing the sacred song of Handel, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and shall perform on the organ the overture to the Messiah	0	10	6
To the sexton and clerk, 5*s.* each	0	10	0
£.	5	15	0
Expenses, for letters of attorney, &c. ..	0	5	0
£.	6	0	0

"And it is my direction, that the minister of the parish of St. Paul for the time being be always one of the trustees ; and that the place of any other may be filled up from time to time with the name of the person who may happen to be the elder churchwarden at the time of the death of the trustee who may happen to die.

(signed) "Abm. Ludlow."

This sum of money appears to have been transferred into the names of the trustees mentioned in the above paper-writing, and has since been transferred into, and is now standing in, the names of the Reverend James Olive, Charles Ludlow Walker, John Barrow, and William Bushell.

We were informed, by a statement sent us by Mr. Olive, that the interest of this money had been received by him, and that, after deducting 1*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* for himself, he had distributed the sum of three guineas among six poor widows, the first Sunday after the 26th of December, in sums of 10*s.* 6*d.* each, as directed by the donor ; he had also paid to the organist, and to the clerk and sexton, the several sums of money given to them. A list of the names of the persons receiving this benefaction was regularly kept in the book above-mentioned. The sermon has been regularly preached.

ANN COREY'S CHARITY.

Ann Corey, of the city of Bristol, spinster, by her will, dated 31st October, 1815, gave and bequeathed, *inter alia*, as follows:—"Also, I give and bequeath unto such persons as shall be the minister and churchwardens of the parish of St. Paul, in the said city of Bristol, at my decease, the sum of 100*l.* stock in the said three per cent. consolidated bank annuities, to be transferred into their names immediately, or as soon as conveniently may be after my decease, upon trust, that they, and the survivors or survivor of them, and the executors, administrators, and assigns of such survivor, do and shall, from time to time, receive the dividends arising therefrom, and pay the same, for ever, to the minister for the time being of the said parish of St. Paul, to be by him distributed, on or about the 25th day of January, in every year, unto and amongst such six poor women of that parish, and in such proportions, as such minister for the time being may in his discretion think proper."

It appears from the churchwarden's accounts, that this sum of 100*l.* three per cent. stock was, about the year 1817, transferred into the names of the Reverend James Olive, Richard Masters, and Thomas Palin, and still stands in their names. The dividend thereof, for the first three years, was applied in satisfaction of the legacy duty and other charges, leaving a small balance of 1*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* now in the hands of the churchwardens. Since that time, one year's dividend, amounting to 3*l.*, has been received, but has not as yet been applied, on account of the ill health of the Reverend James Olive. We are assured, however, that it is intended to be mmediately distributed, according to the directions of the testatrix.

PARISH OF ST. PETER.

Ralph Dole's Charity.
Elizabeth Spert's Charity.
Margaret Davis's Gift.
The Rev. Hugh Waterman's Charity.
Thomas Clement's Charity.
Ann Tyson's Charity.
James Birch's Charity.
Christopher Kidgwine's Gift.
Thomas Trye's Gift.
Richard Wickham's Charity.
John Hicks's Charity.
Robert Aldworth's Charity.
Ground-rent belonging to the parish of £6. a year.
Robert Kitchen's Gift.
John Lawford's Charity.
Francis Gleed's Gift.
Henry Northall's Gift.
Gifts of Messrs. Baldwin.
William Opie's Charity.
Thomas Moore's Charity.
Elizabeth Fitzall's Charity.
Gifts of John Dowell and Elizabeth Selby.

Gabriel Rymar's Charity.
Vincent Thorne's Charity.
William Colston's Gift.
Richard Beauchamp's Charity.
Robert Berkeley's Charity.
Susannah Haines's Charity.
Hannah Fielding's Charity.
Sir William Clutterbuck's Charity.
John Short's Gift.
Elizabeth Fielding's Charity.
James Selby's Charity.
Mrs. Hannah Bryan's Charity.
John Barlow's Charity.
Nicholas Tilley's Gift.
Edward Tilley's Charity.
Edward Fielding's Charity.
Samuel Hale's Charity.
Samuel Wallis's Gift.
Richard Gravatt's Charity.
Mrs. Mary Boucher and Mrs. Joan Langton's Charities.
Alderman George Harrington's Gift.
Mrs. Halstone's Charity.
Further donation of Rosanna Halstone.

With respect to the above parish of Saint Peter, we have thought it useful and elucidatory to preface what we shall have to state, concerning the particular Charities, with a Copy of a Statement, dated 26th December, 1804, made by a committee of the vestry appointed to investigate the state of the property belonging to this parish.

A STATEMENT OF THE LANDS, HOUSES, AND OTHER

—	Names of the Donors.	When given.	Will or Deed.	For what Purposes.
	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown .....
	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto .....
	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto .....
	Ditto.....	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto .....
A.	Ditto.....	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto .....
	Ditto.....	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto .....
	Ditto.....	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto .....
	Ditto.....	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto .....
	Ditto.....	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto .....
	Ditto.....	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto .....
	Ditto.....	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto .....
A.	Ditto.....	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto .....
B.	Purchased	.... 1636	.....	.....
B.				
	R. Dole	.... 1568	Will	For the repair of St Peter's pump.
	Eliz. Spert	.... 1657	Will	To the minister, to preach a sermon.
	Marg. Davis	.... 1677	Will	To the minister, to preach a sermon.
	Hugh Waterman	.... 1746	Will	To the minister, to preach a sermon 2nd Sunday in August.
	Thomas Clement	.....	Deed	To the minister, to preach two sermons.
	Ann Tyson.....	.....	.....	To the Minister, for a sermon.
	John Widlake	.....	.....	To the minister of St. Peter's, to preach a sermon at Stapleton.

PROPERTY, BELONGING TO THE PARISH OF SAINT PETER.

Whether Land or Money.	Present Tenants.	In whom vested.	Gross Amount.	Annual Produce.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
One messuage situate in Narrow Wine-street.	Robert Lucas, lets for £2 10s. per annum, but at present (1804), produces nothing, being in chancery.	Feoffees..	—	—
One Warehouse, situate in Merchant-street.	Thomas Woodward ..	Ditto....	.....	4 0 0
One messuage situate, situate in St. Mary Port-street.	Mary & Thomas Tipton	Ditto....	.....	3 13 4
Three messuages, garden and lodge, in Old King-street.	Hannah Smith	Ditto....	.....	3 0 0
One messuage, situate in Merchant-street.	Mary Hotton	Ditto....	.....	0 13 4
Five-and-a-half feet of ground on the Narrow Ware.	Moses Underwood	Ditto....	.....	0 2 0
One messuage, garden, offices, and Stable, in Redcross-street.	Thomas Trout	Ditto....	.....	1 6 8
One messuage, situate on Redcliff-hill.	Josiah Thomas	Ditto....	.....	1 0 0
One messuage at the east end of the church.	James Dowell.....	Ditto....	.....	4 0 0
Ground let to the corporation to enlarge Newgate.	Chamber of Bristol....	Ditto....	.....	3 0 0
Ground-rent of a messuage and warehouse in Peter-street, and ditto leading from Peter-street into Bridge-street.	John Morgan.....	Ditto....	.....	8 0 0
Ground-rent of the adjoining house. This property has been in possession of the parish, a great number of years, and no records appear to exist to show in what manner the parish became possessed of it.	Henry Pater	Ditto....	.....	6 0 0
Several messuages and workshops, situate in Broadmead. This property was purchased of Nicholas Viney. This property producing twelve pounds a year, was purchased by the feoffees, but with what money we know not, for there are no books prior to 1654, and the purchase was made in 1636.	Dowell & Co.....	Ditto....	12 0 0	12 0 0
Out of a house in Saint Mary Port-street for ever.	Paid by Miss Culliford	Ditto....	.....	1 0 0
Out of two houses in Wine-street. She also left the same sum to the poor. *See* under the head D.	.....	Ditto....	.....	1 0 0
Money. She also left £10. to the poor. *See* under the head E.	.....	.....	10 0 0	—
Part of the interest of £100, the remaining part to the poor. *See* under the head F.	.....	.....	.....	1 0 0
Out of premises in Broadmead. He also left to the poor. *See* D.	Gardiner & Co.	Ditto....	1 0 0	—
Out of a house in Marshalsea, pulled down to open Union-street.	Paid by the Corporation	.....	0 10 0	—
Out of a house now taken down to enlarge Newgate.	Paid by the Corporation	.....	0 10 0	—

A Statement of Lands, Houses, and other Property,

	Names of the Donors.	When given.	Will or Deed.	For what Purposes.
C.	James Birch	.... 1733	Will	To the minister to preach a sermon, 15*s.*; to the clerk, 3*s.*; sexton, 2*s.*; and the remainder towards a dinner for such vestrymen who attend the sermon.
	Alderman Kidgwine ..	.....	.....	To the minister to preach a sermon.
	Thomas Trayro	.... 1714	Gift	To the minister, to catechize the youth during Lent, 40*s.* per annum.
C.				
	Thomas Clement	Uncertain	Uncertain	For the use of the poor .....
	Richard Whickham ...	.....	.....	Use of the poor .....
	Ditto	.....	.....	Ditto .....
Belongs to the poor.	John Hicks.....	.... 1697	Will	The rent to six of the poorest men or women not receiving alms on the 6th February annually.
	R. Auldsworth	Uncertain	Uncertain	The profit to eight old women in the almshouse.
	Alderman Kitchen ..	.... 1630	Deed	To a poor burgess, or burgess's widow
	Alderman Lawford ..	.... 1686	Will	To the poor in bread .....
	Alderman Harrington..	.....	.....	To a poor freeman, or freeman's widow
	Eliz. Spert	.... 1657	Will	To the use of the poor .....
	Francis Gleed	.... 1661	Deed	To a poor householder .....
D. belongs to the poor.	Henry Northall	.... 1673	Will	For the use of the poor, or such other uses as the feoffees think proper.
	William Baldwin	.... 1617	.....	For the poor in the almshouses, in bread, 2*l.* 12*s.*, and otherwise 10*s.*
	William Opie.....	.... 1695	.....	To three poor people .....
	Thomas Moor	.... 1728	Will	To clothe poor men on St. Thomas's-day.
	Eliz. Fitzall	.... 1724	Will	To the poor not receiving alms, in bread
	Eliz. Selby	.... 1786	Will	To the poor
	John Dowell	..... 1784	Will	To the poor
	Gabriel Rymer	.....	Will	To the poor
D.				

belonging to the Parish of St. Peter—*continued.*

Whether Land or Money.	Present Tenants.	In whom vested.	Gross Amount. £ s. d.	Annual Produce. £ s. d.
Being the interest of this legacy.	This money is sunk ..	.....	60 0 0	—
10*s.* annually; it has been paid for many years.				
.....	The principal is sunk..	.....	40 0 0	5 0 0
This property was left for the purposes above expressed, Waterman's, Spert's, and Clement's are part of legacies, the other parts are left to the poor, as will be seen by reference to D. and F.				
A house, situate in Broadmead, also for a sermon. *See* C.	Gardiner and Co.....	Feoffees..	.....	4 10 0
Four houses leading from Redcliff-hill to Temple-gate.	Mary Cantle	Ditto....	.....	2 0 0
One garden, situate leading from Redcliff church to Temple-gate.	Feoffees of Redcliff parish.	Ditto....	.....	2 0 0
One house in Temple-street, leading into St. Michael's-lane.	Jane Hopper	Ditto....	.....	2 8 0
Premises situated at the east end of the church.	Paid by the master of the hospital.	Ditto....	.....	6 0 0
Money left to the corporation, in trust	Paid by the chamber ..	.....	.....	2 0 0
Out of the fifth house on the north-east end of the church-gate in Temple-street.	Paid by the churchwardens of Temple parish.	.....	.....	2 12 0
Arising from money left to the corporation, in trust.	Paid by the chamber ..	.....	.....	2 0 0
Out of two houses in Wine-street. She also left 1*l.* for a sermon. *See* C.	Paid by J. Jackson ..	.....	.....	1 0 0
Out of a house in High-street.	Paid by the feoffees of Christ church.	.....	.....	2 0 0
Out of a house in Broadmead, now pulled down to open Union-street.	Paid by the Chamber..	.....	.....	2 10 0
Out of a house in Mary Port-Street.	Paid by Mr. Ewer	.....	.....	3 2 0
Payable out of land.	Paid by Mr. Stocker of Whitchurch.	.....	.....	1 6 0
Out of two houses on St. James's-back.	Paid by J. Weeks	.....	.....	4 7 6
Payable out of land leading from Gloucester prison to Traytor's (now is called Frome) bridge.	Paid by Mr. Roberts at the brass warehouse.	.....	.....	4 0 0
£50 in money, now payable out of a house in Wine-street, by William Dowell.	Paid by Wm. Dowell..	.....	.....	2 10 0
£100 in money, now payable out of a house in Wine-Street, by William Dowell.	Paid by Wm. Dowell..	.....	.....	5 0 0
Out of a house at Upper Easton.	Paid by Mr. Fowler ..	.....	.....	4 10 0
This property was all left for the use of the poor as above expressed, all of which the parish is now (1804) in possession of.				
			£	53 15 6

A Statement of the Lands, Houses, and other Property,

	Names of the Donors.	When given.	Will or deed.	For what Purposes.
	Margaret Davis	.... 1683	.....	To the poor in bread .....
	Vincent Thorne	.... 1683	.....	To the poor for ever .. ..
	William Colston	.... 1684	.....	To two poor housekeepers .....
	Richard Beauchamp ..	.... 1704	.....	To three poor housekeepers .....
	Richard Berkeley	.... 1707	.....	To apprentice a poor boy yearly .....
	Sarah Haynes.....	.... 1707	.....	To six poor women yearly ....
E.	Hannah Fielding	.... 1712	.....	To keep at school a poor child or children
	Sir Wm. Clutterbuck..	.... 1715	.....	To the poor weekly, in bread .....
	John Short.....	.... 1720	.....	To four poor widows, yearly .....
	Elizabeth Fielding....	.... 1692	.....	To poor housekeepers not receiving alms.
	Thomas Moore	.... 1728	Will	To clothe poor men on Saint Thomas's Day.
E.	These benefactions were left for the use of the poor, but which they have been deprived of, by their being appropriated from time to time for the repairs and current expences of the church.			
	James Selby	.... 1772	Will	For the poor .....
	John Barlow	.... 1779	Gift	To four housekeepers .....
F.	Hugh Waterman	.... 1746	Will	The interest above 20s. for a sermon to clothe poor persons at Christmas.
	Hannah Bryan	.... 1779	Will	To the poor in coals .....
F.	These benefactions were left for the use of the poor. The sums were expended by the vestry for the repairs and expences of the church, but were redeemed in 1797, and 1799. *See* the orders of the vestry, pages 83 and 89. The interest is properly applied to the relief of the poor.			

belonging to the Parish of St. Peter—*continued.*

Whether Land or Money.	Present Tenants.	In whom vested.	Gross Amount.	Annual Produce.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Money			10 0 0	—
Ditto			10 0 0	—
Ditto			10 0 0	—
Ditto			30 0 0	—
Ditto			100 0 0	—
Ditto			30 0 0	—
Ditto			20 0 0	—
Ditto			40 0 0	—
Ditto			30 0 0	—
Ditto			10 0 0	—
Ditto			50 0 0	—
			340 0 0	
Money		In 3 p. cents	100 0 0	—
Ditto		Ditto	50 0 0	—
Ditto		Ditto	100 0 0	—
Ditto		Ditto	100 0 0	—
			350 0 0	14 0 0

To the above statement may be added a resolution of vestry, entered in the vestry order-book, page 83, to the following effect;—

" An examination was made by Edward Harley, the churchwarden of Saint Peter, of the books and writings contained in the parish chests; and a statement of the property belonging to the parish, together with the sums of money given and bequeathed for benevolent purposes, was by him laid before a full meeting of the vestry convened for that purpose, by which it appears that the parish is in possession of considerable property, which has been left for the benefit of the poor, much of which has not for many years been appropriated to their use. Likewise considerable benefactions in money, which have been improperly applied from time to time, in the repairs and current expences of the church, so that the poor have for a long period been deprived, not only of the principal, but also of a great part of the interest. In consequence of which representations the vestry formed themselves into an open committee, at the same time nominating the Rev. Mr. Broughton, Mr. John Dowell, Mr. Francis Ball, Mr. Joseph Langley, and Mr. Richard Nott to examine its accuracy, and they being satisfied that the preceding statement is perfectly correct, the vestry agreed to the following resolutions, viz:—

" Resolved,—As we can by no means trace the origin of the property A. and B. to have been for the use of the poor, that it be regularly applied towards the current expenses of the church, and the deficiency (if any) made up by a church-rate.

" Resolved,—That the produce arising from the property D. E. F. shall be regularly appropriated to the use of the poor.

" Resolved,—That the parish is in honour and justice bound to repay to the poor the sums under E., and that it be paid by appropriating all the fines and renewals arising from the property A. and B., till the debt be liquidated; also, that the parish pay interest, at the rate of four per cent. per annum, till it is convenient to them to pay up the principal.

" Resolved,—That the fines and renewals arising from the property D. be regularly funded for the use of the poor.

" Resolved,—That the whole annual produce arising from the property of the poor shall in future be faithfully distributed, agreeably to the wills of the donors.

" The preceding statement stands thus—

	£.	s.	d.
" A. is property over which the vestry have a discretionary power for the use of the church	34	15	4
" This will be increased 50*s.* annually, when Lucas's property can be got out of Chancery.			
" B. is property over which the vestry have a like power	12	0	0
" C. is for particular purposes expressly pointed out	5	0	0
	£. 51	15	4
" D. is property belonging to the poor	53	15	6
" E. is the interest of money to be paid by the parish for those sums borrowed of the poor	13	12	0
" F. is the interest of money in the three per cents., belonging to the poor	14	0	0
	£. 81	7	6

" The original statement presented by Mr. Harley is in the church chest, in the last page of which are the remarks of the committee on many of the legacies recorded on the church tables. They considered themselves as having a double duty to perform, —a duty to the parish at large, and a duty to the poor. Hence, as a general rule, they have not admitted any benefaction as due to the poor, unless it can be proved that the parish received it: where they have deviated from this rule they have assigned their reasons.

" It is extremely to be regretted, that the parish ledger from 1715 to 1768 is not to be found. The best information we have been able to collect is that, in the year 1770, Edward Lawden, accomptant, was by the then churchwarden employed to make up his accounts, and during the time the ledger was in his possession his house was inundated by a great flood, so that for many weeks this book, with some church papers (being in a box in the cellar) were under water, and totally spoiled.

Signed by " Thomas Broughton, Minister,
Edward Harley, } churchwardens,
John Gardiner, }
John Dowell,
Thomas Cross,
Richard Nott,
Francis Ball,
Thomas Vining, Jun.
Joseph Langley,
John White."

" Vestry-room, St. Peter's Church,
December 26, 1804."

We cannot but join in the regret, expressed by the committee, that the books alluded to should have been lost. However, two old books of churchwarden's receipts and disbursements, the one having endorsed on its cover " The Poor's Book," commencing in 1673, and continued down to 1697, and the other, an old churchwarden's ledger, beginning with 1654, and carried down to 1715, are in existence, and were produced to us.

RALPH DOLE'S CHARITY.

In the year 1586, Ralph Dole, by will, gave 20*s*. for ever, to be issuing out of his house in the Shambles, in Bristol, towards the repairs of Saint Peter's pump; this house was at that time in the occupation of Mr. William Sheppard, who afterwards became owner thereof, and appears to have constantly paid the said annual sum until the year 1643, when the will was disputed in the Ecclesiastical Court, the proceedings of which court were suspended by the rebellion; the dispute however terminated by an award of Mr. Samuel Clements, who directed that Sheppard should give his bond for payment of the said annuity. He accordingly became bound, on the 28th November, 1655, to John Tyler and Josias Clutterbuck, churchwardens of Saint Peter, for securing, as therein-mentioned, the said annuity, and on the 22d April, 1658, he, the said John Sheppard, by deed of that date, charged the above messuage and a stable belonging thereto, then in his possession, being part of the aforesaid messuage, &c. with the payment of the said 20*s*. per annum, with power of distress on nonpayment.

This 20*s*. appears, by one of the parish books, to have been paid by John Sheppard

in the year 1658; it is now paid by Mr. Samuel Parmiter, out of a dwelling-house and premises numbered 32, on the south side of Mary Port Street. The pump is kept in good repair, at a very considerable expense, by the parish.

ELIZABETH SPERT'S CHARITY.

Elizabeth Spert, of Wickwar, in the county of Gloucester, widow of Robert Spert, Esquire, by her will, dated 17th February, 1657-8, gave, devised, and appointed, that there should be issuing out of her messuage and garden, in Wine-Street, in the parish of Saint Peter, in the tenure of Francis Clements, or his assigns, and whereon the said Francis did build two houses, one annuity of 40*s.* to be paid on the first of May, yearly, to the churchwardens of the parish of Saint Peter, for the time being, and their successors, upon trust, that they should pay 20*s.* thereof unto the minister for the time being of the parish of Saint Peter, for his preaching, or causing to be preached, one learned sermon in that parish church, on the 29th of June, yearly, for ever; and the other 20*s.* thereof to be distributed amongst the poor people of the same parish of Saint Peter, on the same day; and if no such sermon should be preached, then the 20*s.*, payable to the minister, should be distributed among the poor people of the said parish, with a power to the churchwardens for compelling payment by distress.

It appears by the accounts, that the sum of 2*l.* has been regularly paid by Gurney, Dowell and Co., the proprietors or occupiers of the houses, which are well known, to the churchwardens, who pay thereout, 1*l.* to the clergyman for the sermon, and the other 1*l.* to several poor persons, whose names are annually entered in the expenditure side of the accounts, among the distributions to the poor.

MARGARET DAVIS'S GIFT.

Church Table.—"1677, Mrs. Margaret Davis gave 20*l.* the profit thereof, 10*s.* for a sermon, on the 17th July; the rest to the poor for ever, in bread."

This 20*l.* was duly received, and the distribution of it, by the payment of 10*s.* to the minister for his sermon, and the remainder to the poor in bread, appears to have been regularly made.

THE REVEREND HUGH WATERMAN'S CHARITY.

The Reverend Hugh Waterman, by his will, made in 1746, as appears, by an extract in the churchwarden's book, gave to the parish of Saint Peter the sum of 100*l.*, to the

end that the churchwardens of the said parish might pay, to the minister of the said parish, 20*s.* for preaching a sermon on the second Sunday in August, annually, for ever: And it was his desire, that the residue of the interest of the said sum of 100*l.* should be applied to the clothing of such poor person or persons of the said parish, who should frequent the communion of the Church of England, as by law established, at Christmas, annually, for ever.

A sum of 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* three per cent. consols, was purchased by the parish, and still remains in that stock, in the names of William Dowell, Thomas Cross, Richard Nott, and Thomas Johnson, all of Bristol, for the payment of four per cent. on the above legacy of Hugh Waterman. The order for the investment, as entered in the vestry order book, page 89, is in the following terms:—

"Vestry-room, St. Peter's Church, Bristol, the 6th day of November, 1799.

"At a meeting of the vestry, this day held, it was Resolved, that Mr. Richard Nott, the present churchwarden, do forthwith, by and out of the parish moneys, purchase the sum of 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* three per cent. consolidated annuities, in the joint names of the Rev. Thomas Broughton, Mr. William Dowell, and Mr. Isaac Cox, for the purpose of replacing a legacy or sum of 100*l.* given to or to the use of the said parish, by the Rev. Hugh Waterman, deceased, of which at this time there is no specific fund whereout to pay the interest, although such interest hath been annually applied, agreeably to the intention of the testator.

Also, it was agreed, that the dividends on the said stock shall, in future, be considered and applied as the interest of the said legacy; and it was also Resolved, that, in case of the death of any or either of the persons in whose names the said stock or fund above-mentioned shall be purchased and held, then the survivors or survivor of them, shall and will duly transfer the same to and in the names of themselves or himself, and such one or more person or persons, as the vestrymen of such parish for the time being shall or may direct, and so from time to time, as often as any or either of such person or persons (in whose names the said stock or fund is or may be held) shall happen to die; and that the said stock or fund, or the produce thereof, and the dividends arising therefrom, shall be always held and applied to and for the uses and purposes aforesaid."

Although the above provision was made for the payment of four per cent. only, the parish does, in fact, pay 20*s.* to the minister for a sermon, which is preached as directed, and 4*l.* is also laid out in clothing, which is distributed to poor persons.

It does not appear that the money is given to persons habitually attending the communion; but we have informed the clergyman of the parish of the qualification insisted on by the donor, that it may be attended to in future.

THOMAS CLEMENT'S CHARITY.

By referring to the account given of Thomas Clement's charity, among the charities of Saint James's parish, [See 9th Report, p. 405,*] it will appear that, by an indenture,

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 416.

dated 20th April, 1631, the messuage or tenement therein-mentioned to be situate in Broadmead, then or late in the occupation of Thomas Stephens, was limited to the use of George Richards and others, their heirs and assigns, upon trust that they, out of the rents and profits of the said messuage, should yearly, for ever, procure to be preached in the parish church of Saint Peter, two sermons, the one on the Sunday next after Trinity Sunday, and the other on the Sunday next after the feast of All Saints; for which sermons there should be paid 10*s.* a piece, to the preacher thereof; and all the residue of the said rents and profits of the same messuage, to and amongst the poor of the said parish of Saint Peter, by the advice and directions of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish for the time being, for ever.

These premises are a part of the property now vested in the feoffees of the parish lands. In the vestry order-book, p. 51, is the following entry of a resolution of vestry, dated 18th December, 1782.

"At a meeting of the vestry this day, it was agreed, that Mr. Joel Gardiner should be at liberty to renew and add two lives to the one in being, in all that dwelling-house and premises, situate in Broadmead, in the said city, formerly called the Talbot Inn, and now in lease to ——— Still, whose interest in the said lease the said Joel Gardiner and Co. have purchased, and which new-intended lease is intended to be granted to the said Mr. Gardiner, or some other person or persons, in trust, for Dowells, Gardiner, and Dowell; the consideration to be paid for such renewal is agreed to be 50*l.* 8*s.* and usual sealing fee, and subject to a ground-rent of 3*l.* per annum; and that, after so fully stating the same, it was agreed that a grant of the said premises should be made, in reversion of the said lease, for a term of 99 years, renewable from time to time at the expiration of the said first and other leases, on paying a fine of one pound and one shilling on such renewal, subject to the payment of the said 3*l.* and an additional rent of 2*l.* 10*s.*"

Mr. Dowell's name, as churchwarden, is among the signatures to that resolution, and Mr. Gardiner was the churchwarden the year before.

It is to be inferred, that this lease for 99 years, with the reservation of 5*l.* 10*s.* rent, was considered as commencing in effect upon the execution of the grant which took place immediately by an indenture, dated 21st February, 1783, whereby the said premises were leased by William Fisher, John Dowell the elder, and others, surviving feoffees of the lands and hereditaments belonging to the parish church of Saint Peter in Bristol, under the description of all that messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, formerly called or known by the name or sign of the Talbot Inn, situate and being in Broadmead, in the parish of Saint James, in the city of Bristol, together with the pavement to the said messuage belonging and adjoining, and also the garden, with the well therein, and the backside, and room or cellar to the same messuage belonging, and which said messuage and premises were theretofore used as one tenement, and which had been since divided into two tenenents; to hold the same to Isaac Bence, his executors, administrators, and assigns, from the 21st December then last past, for the term of 99 years, upon trust, for the use of John Dowell, William Dowell, Joel Gardiner, and John Dowell the younger, their executors, administrators, and assigns, at the yearly rent of 5*l.* 10*s.* clear of all taxes and assessments, parliamentary, parochial, or otherwise.

In the indenture of feoffment, conveying the messuages, lands, rents, and premises, belonging to the parish church of Saint Peter, to the new feoffees, dated 2d October,

1785, the premises in question are included by the description of all the said messuage or tenement, formerly known by the sign of the Talbot, together with another messuage or tenement adjoining, on the west part thereof, both which tenements were formerly in the holding of Thomas Stephens, with the garden, backside, and appurtenances thereto adjoining and belonging, which said messuage and premises are bounded with the said premises, in grant to them the said Dowell, Gardiner, and Co. eastward, and with a messuage or tenement and premises belonging to the chamber of Bristol westward, and by the said street or way called Broadmead northward, and therein mentioned to be particularly delineated or set out by a plan or ground-plot thereof, marked No 19, on the back of the said indenture, and which said premises were also therein described to be in grant to Dowells, Gardiner, and Co., for the remainder of a term of 99 years absolute, at the yearly rent of 5*l.* 10*s.*, renewable at a certain fine, in such grant mentioned.

By the above feoffment the premises aforesaid were among others conveyed by Richard Hawkeswell, of the city of Bristol, to the Rev. Thomas Broughton, and others, as the new feoffees, amongst whom were Joel Gardiner, William Dowell, John Dowell, Joel Gardiner, and John Gardiner, two of the sons of the above-mentioned Joel Gardiner, and William Dowell, son of the before-named William Dowell, free from all taxes, parliamentary, parochial, or otherwise.

By the accounts, it appears that the 5*l.* 10*s.* has been regularly paid and received under that grant from the lessees, or those succeeding to the premises under them, 1*l.* of which has been regularly paid to the clergyman, for which two sermons have been preached on the days directed by the donor, and the residue, that is 4*l.* 10*s.* has been annually distributed to and amongst poor persons, whose names are entered on the expenditure side of the account. The sums distributed are of different amount, from 2*s.* 6*d.* to two guineas. Latterly the relief has been chiefly given to poor aged women. The distribution used to be made without distinction between those receiving and those not receiving parish pay; but it is said that that distinction has been of late observed.

It appears, from what has been above stated, that the grant, in trust for Dowell, Gardiner, and Co. was for a term of 99 years, renewable from time to time upon a fine of 1*l.* 1*s.*, the premium upon such lease being 50*l.*, or 50*l.* 8*s.*, or thereabouts, paid at the time of execution. The premises, as delineated on the back of the feoffment, in the book of ground plans belonging to the parish, are stated to be 154 feet 8 inches in length from north to south, and a little above 26 feet in breadth from east to west at either end, which ground is covered with warehouses and workshops, in the possession of Joel Gardiner.

But it is to be observed that, when the lease to Messrs. Dowell and Gardiner was made, the premises were much less valuable than they are at present. There were a few old houses upon it, which have been pulled down, and new and substantial premises have been built in their place.

It is evident that the grant above referred to was not a beneficial one for the charity, nor made upon just and reasonable terms.

In an old book, called the Poor's Book, 1673, found in a lumber chest in the church, in the first page of which are some rules concerning gifts to the minister and poor of Saint Peter's parish, in the city of Bristol, we find, at the end of the statement of Thomas Clement's gift, the following observation :—

"They had three score pounds fine of one Mr. Henry Dighton, Brewer, to whom

they have granted a lease of 50 years, paying 3*l.* per annum, the use of which three score pounds should have been given, according to the donor's will, for the use of the poor of the same parish.

Mr. Joel Gardiner, to whom the interest in the above lease for 99 years has devolved, afterwards attended us with his solicitor, and engaged to make a surrender of the above lease, of which 61 years were to come, and to take a fresh lease for such duration, at such rent, and upon such terms as should be deemed fair and just by a surveyor of Bristol, to be appointed by both parties for that purpose. A vestry has been since held, on the 25th day of March, 1824, for taking the said proposed arrangement into consideration, at which a resolution was passed, of which we subjoin the following copy:—

"At a meeting of the vestry of this parish this day, held for the purpose of taking into consideration a certain indenture of lease, bearing date the 21st day of February 1783, granted in consideration of a fine of 50*l.* by the then feoffees of the said parish, to John Dowell, William Dowell, Joel Gardiner, and John Dowell the younger, of certain houses in Broadmead, in this city, (being Mr. Clement's charity lands), for the term of 99 years absolute, at the yearly rent of 5*l.* 10*s.*, renewable at the expiration of the term, upon a fine of 1*l.* 1*s.*

"And also for taking into consideration the report of Mr. Young Sturge, surveyor, who had been, on the suggestion of the Commissioners of Public Charities, by and with the approbation, as well of the churchwardens of this parish, as of Mr. Joel Gardiner (stated to be the proprietor thereof), and of Mr. Tanner, his solicitor, directed to point out fair and equitable terms of accommodation between the parish and Mr. Gardiner, and which report is in the words or to the effect following:—

"I have viewed the premises in Broadmead, held by the late J. Gardiner, under the parish of St. Peter; the frontage against the street is 26 feet 2 inches, and the depth 154 feet 8 inches. On this piece of ground there was formerly an old house, which, in 1783 was described as having been divided into two tenements. In 1795, the late J. Gardiner erected thereon, and on an adjoining piece of ground, held under the corporation of Bristol, some large and substantial buildings, for warehouses and other purposes, connected with a hat manufactory. The whole expense of these buildings, I understand, was about 2,500*l.*, of which sum I estimate the proportion expended on the piece of land belonging to St. Peter's parish to be about 1,700*l.* Previous to the year 1783, the above-mentioned premises appear to have been held for lives under St. Peter's parish; but in that year a lease for 99 years was granted, renewable for ever at a small fine, the reserved rent being then increased from 3*l.* to 5*l.* 10*s.* per annum, and a fine of 50*l.* paid. The buildings are substantial, and in good repair, and are, in my opinion, of considerably greater value than any which would have been built on a lease for lives, or for a shorter time.

"On considering all the circumstances of the case, I am of an opinion, that it would be fair and equitable to all parties, if the said lease of 99 years were surrendered, and a new one granted by the parish for 31 years, at a net rent of 31*l.* 10*s.*, the tenant covenanting to keep the premises in repair.

"Bristol, 3 Mo. 20th, 1824." (signed) "Y. Sturge."

"And it having been stated to this vestry, that Mr. Tanner, on behalf of the lessee, had proposed to surrender the said lease and leasehold premises to the feoffees of the

parish church lands, and to take a new lease thereof from them, upon the terms suggested by Mr. Sturge; —

"Therefore this vestry, having taken the said lease and report, and all the circumstances of the case, into their consideration, do resolve, that a surrender of the present lease be accepted, and a new lease of the said leasehold premises be forthwith granted to Mr. Joel Gardiner, for the term of thirty-one years, commencing from the 25th day of March instant, at the yearly rent of 31*l.* 10*s.* payable quarterly, over and above all taxes and deductions, such lease to contain all usual and necessary covenants and clauses for payment of rent, &c. and particularly a covenant on the part of the lessee, for putting, keeping, and leaving the premises in good and substantial repair, he paying the expenses attending such lease, and the counterpart thereof, and the usual sealing fee.

"Present, Mr. John Cross, } Churchwardens,
Mr. Francis Sowerby, }
and six other gentlemen of the vestry."

We are given to understand that this business will be immediately settled, according to the terms above-mentioned, and that the vestry will be careful that the rent is properly appropriated.

ANN TYSON'S CHARITY.

By indenture, dated 3d June, 1772, made between the Reverend William Barry, Dr. in Divinity, rector of the parish and parish church of St. Peter, in the city of Bristol, of the one part, and the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the city of Bristol, of the other part, reciting the provisions of an Act of Parliament, passed in the sixth year of his late Majesty, for widening several streets, lanes, ways, and passages within the city of Bristol, &c.; and reciting, that to open and lay out a new street from Dolphin-lane into Broadmead, sundry houses, &c. in a schedule to the said act mentioned, were necessary to be purchased and pulled down; and reciting, that the said William Barry, as rector, aforesaid, was, by and in virtue of the last will and testament of Ann Tyson, widow, the elder, deceased, entitled to a rent-charge of 10*s.* payable to the minister of the said parish church for the time being, out of the messuage thereinafter described and mentioned in the said schedule, which he had agreed to grant to the said mayor, burgesses, and commonalty, their successors and assigns, for ever, in consideration of a like rent of 10*s.*; it was witnessed, that the said William Barry did grant to the said mayor, &c. all that the said yearly rent-charge of 10*s.* issuing out of all that messuage or tenement, being the eastward house, with the garden, stable, outlet, and all other its appurtenances, where one Joyce Tyson the younger formerly, and afterwards James Hall and E. Young, and lately Joseph Hawkeswell, did dwell, situate in the said city of Bristol, in a street there, called Wine-street, and extending backwards to a certain wall, called the Town-wall, on or towards the north part thereof; to hold unto and to the use of the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty, their successors and assigns, for ever; and the said mayor, &c. in lieu of the yearly rent-charge of 10*s.* thereby granted, did thereby, for themselves and their

successors, agree to pay to the said William Barry, his heirs, successors, and assigns, yearly, for ever, the rent or sum of 10*s.*; and did charge all and singular the messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, whatsoever and wheresoever, of them the said mayor, &c. with the payment thereof.

The will of Mrs. Ann Tyson was made in the year 1737, by which she gave the said sum of 10*s.* per annum to the use of the rector for the time being, for a sermon to be preached as therein mentioned, on condition (as appears by an extract from the parish ledger) that no person besides the family of the Tysons should be permitted to bury in the said Tyson's vaults, in the chancel of the said church.

The corporation regularly pay the 10*s.* to the churchwardens, who pay it to the minister, and a sermon is regularly preached for the same.

JAMES BIRCH'S CHARITY.

James Birch, of the city of Bristol, dyer, by his will, dated 27th March, 1733, gave to the churchwardens of this parish, and their successors, for ever, the sum of 60*l.*, to the intent that they should dispose thereof at interest, in such manner that the interest should from time to time be paid and disposed of in manner following, viz. 15*s.*, part of the said interest and profit for a sermon; 3*s.*, other part thereof, to the clerk of the parish for the time being; 2*s.*, other part thereof, to the sexton of the said parish for the time being; and the remainder thereof towards a dinner for such vestrymen as should attend to hear the said sermon, to be preached at the church of Saint Peter's every 10th day of December, for ever, to which dinner his will was, that his executor, therein named, and his heirs, should always be invited.

A note at the bottom of the extract of the above will, in the account-book, states that the executor to the said James Birch was James Birch, Esquire, of the said city of Bristol, 1769.

The 60*l.* principal was merged in the parish-stock, out of which the 15*s.* for the sermon is paid (which is preached), 3*s.* to the clerk, and 2*s.* to the sexton. The 40*s.* a year goes towards a dinner for the vestry on the 10th of December, the remaining expenses being defrayed by the vestrymen themselves.

CHRISTOPHER KIDGWINE'S GIFT.

There is some doubt as to the name of this donor; in some of the parish-books it is called Kitchen's, in other places Kidgwine's, and in others Kidwin's gift. We have not been able to trace this gift to its origin with any greater certainty than as the board describes it; and it appears by the accounts that, under one or other of the above names, the parish has always paid to the clergyman the annual sum of 10*s.*

THOMAS TRYE'S GIFT.

CHURCH BOARD.—"1714, Thomas Trye, of Hanham, Esquire, gave 40*l.* to this parish, for the payment of 40*s.* per annum, for ever, to the minister of the said parish, for instructing the youth in the church-catechism during the time of Lent."

This 40*l.*, like most of the other gift-sums, has fallen into the parish stock. But the parish pay to the minister out of their stock 2*l.* annually, for instructing poor children in the church-catechism.

RICHARD WICKAM'S CHARITY.

Upon the church-table, without date, the following benefaction is stated :—

"Mr. Wickam gave 42*l.* 8*s.*, the profit thereof to the poor for ever."

We examined the will of Richard Wickam, entered in the book of wills belonging to the corporation, which contains no mention of any charitable bequest to the parish of St. Peter; but in the churchwarden's ledger and general parish account-book, beginning with the year 1768, there is an entry, in page 4, of Wickam's gift. No accounts of an earlier date than that to which allusion has been made could be produced, for the reasons which have already been shown at the conclusion of the statement appearing at the head of these parish charities.

The following entry relating to this charity is in the churchwarden's book :—

"Mr. Richard Wickam, an East-India merchant, gave the benefit of two houses and a garden, situate in Pill-street, near St. Mary Redcliff church, to the use of the poor of St. Peter's parish, to be paid them the week before Christmas."

The entry proceeds to state, that the charity-rent, being 4*l.* per annum, was received of Gilbert Skidmore, in 1636, to whom was granted a building-lease on three lives from the feoffees, the whole containing one acre of garden and orchard, extending from Pile-street forward to Redcliff-mead backward; all which were late in the holding of Mrs. Avenall, and, in the year 1695, of the widow of Richard Novice, and afterwards of —— Perrick, maltster, at the Noah's Ark, in Back-street.

In the statement at the head of these cases, it appears that Wickam's gift consisted of four houses, leading from Redcliff-hill to Temple-gate, and one garden situate in the way leading from Redcliff-church to Temple-gate.

It appears also, by the rental exhibited in the Appendix to Redcliff charities (7th Report, p. 805), that the Redcliff feoffees hold a piece of ground, upon lives, of the feoffees of St. Peter's church-lands; and in the churchwarden's book of accounts, 2*l.*, which is the quit-rent, is regularly brought to account, as paid for these houses. By lease, dated 31st January, 1789, the said premises were granted by the feoffees of St.

Peter's, to the feoffees of St. Mary Redcliff church-lands, for 99 years, determinable with the lives of James Taylor, John Hilhouse Wilcox, and Philip Miles, Jun., at the yearly rent of 2*l.*, of whom J. H. Wilcox is the only surviving life. This grant was made upon the surrender of two lives in existence, a third life being added, and the fine being 28*l.*

It is stated that the parish do not intend to renew these premises, but to let the lease fall in, and to demise them for a full rent, so as to turn them to the best account for effectuating the objects of the charity.

There are also four houses belonging to this charity, situate in Pile-street, of which also a plan was produced. These four houses are likewise let upon lives, the ground-rent being 1*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*, paid by a Mr. Henry Smith; and there is also a small tenement, held likewise upon lives, upon which there is a quit-rent of 1*s.* 6*d.*, paid by Joseph Taylor; together 2*l.*, making the whole amount of the quit-rents paid for the property coming from Richard Wickam 4*l.*

This 4*l.* has been regularly brought to account in the churchwarden's book for a series of years, with a specification of the names of the persons relieved under the same charity, in sums varying from 5*s.* to 15*s.* They are generally aged widows or house-keepers.

This fine, as well as the preceding fines, has been considered and treated as a part of the general parish-funds, and applied, as appears by the churchwarden's accounts, to the general purposes of the parish, and brought to account accordingly.

Of the four houses in Pile-street, a lease was made 29th September, 1812, to Mrs. Augusta Smith, determinable with the three lives therein mentioned. Upon that occasion, two new lives were put in, for which a fine of 180*l.* was paid to the parish. This fine is brought to account in the parish ledger, the churchwarden debiting himself with the receipt in 1814, and accounting for it in the expenditure of that year. That fine has not been specifically invested. The parish have 150*l.* three per cent. consols, which it is understood will be applied towards the redemption of the principal of the charities admitted to have been sunk in the parish expenditure, to which the 13*l.* 12*s.*, mentioned in the above statement, relates.

JOHN HICKS'S CHARITY.

By an extract in the parish-ledger of the will of John Hicks, Esq., alderman of this city, dated 2d July, 1697, it appears, that the said testator gave to the churchwardens and feoffees of the parish of Saint Peter, and the survivors of them, and their heirs, for ever, all that house in Temple-street, and a garden adjoining thereto, in Saint Michael's lane, in the said parish of Temple, then in the possession of George Wilkinson, in trust, that they should, from time to time, distribute the profit of the said house and garden, upon every 13th of February yearly, for ever, on six of the poorest men or women of the parish of St. Peter, that did not receive alms.

We find, by a note subjoined to the above extract, that the said house in the above

will mentioned, was leased out by the parish feoffees, to a Mr. Richard Hawkins, maltster, at the Noah's Ark, in Back-street, as stated in the rental, dated 20th December, 1791, reserving a chief-rent of 2*l.* 8*s.* per annum, out of which was paid to the chamber of the city of Bristol 5*s.* per annum for a ground-rent, and that the net proceeds given to the poor were 2*l.* 3*s.* per annum.

This house is in the same note described to be the corner house in Temple-street, leading into Saint Michael's lane, extending from Temple-street forward, to Saint Thomas's churchyard-wall backward, occupied by William Ward, at 6*l.* per annum, rack-rent, in the year 1753.

The parish is now in possession of the house so above described, which is under lease, dated 29th September, 1812, to Samuel Melsom, for 99 years, determinable with three lives, subject to a chief-rent of 2*l.* 8*s.*

The parish receives this rent, and applies it to six poor persons, whose names are entered in the book, in sums of 8*s.* each.

Upon the lease last-mentioned a fine was received of 90*l.*, and merged in the parish stock; but the future fines of this property will be applied as mentioned in the prefatory statement.

ROBERT ALDWORTH'S CHARITY.

Robert Aldworth, merchant, and late one of the aldermen of the city of Bristol, by his will, dated 30th August, 1634, gave and bequeathed as follows:—

"Item; I will, that there shall be paid to the feoffees of the messuages, lands, and tenements, called or reputed to be Saint Peter's church-lands, the sum of 100*l.*, of current English money, within two years next after my decease, to the intent and purpose that the feoffees shall, with all convenient speed, purchase some messuages, lands, or rents, in fee-simple, the yearly rents and profits whereof shall be for ever yearly paid and distributed to the poor people that shall from time to time be living in the almshouse of Saint Peter's aforesaid."

This charity is also mentioned, "among the rules concerning gifts unto the minister and poor of Saint Peter's parish," in the following manner:—"Mr. Alderman Aldworth, some time alderman of this city, gave the use of 100*l.* out of a house in Broadmead, late in the occupation of one George Britain, a tanner, towards the maintaining of eight old women or widows in the almshouse of Saint Peter.

The books do not enable us to say what specific disposition was made of this charity-money derived from Mr. Alderman Aldworth. The probability is, that the 100*l.* mentioned in the will is the same as the 100*l.* mentioned as above, in the old rules; and as the 100*l.* so given by the will was directed to be laid out in the purchase of hereditaments, the house alluded to in those rules, out of which the 100*l.* is said to come, may be some premises, or a part of some premises, purchased by the parish with this 100*l.*, together with other moneys. The parish is at present in possession of some

tenements contiguous to those before described in the case of Thomas Clements, in Broadmead, the front of which is in a line with those of Thomas Clements, and which extend backwards to the river Frome. These premises were formerly purchased by the parish; but it is not known out of what fund. They are in the occupation of John Dowell & Co., and appear, by the introductory statement affixed to the account of the charities of this parish, to have been purchased in 1636 of one Nicholas Viney. The parish, therefore, appears to be responsible for the interest of this 100*l.*; and as it forms no part of the 13*l.* 12*s.* a year, which, as appears by the introductory statement, is to be applied towards the restitution of the lost charities, the vestry have resolved to add this to the lost charities so to be provided for.

GROUND RENT BELONGING TO THE PARISH, OF SIX POUNDS A YEAR.

We find that, by an indenture, dated 11th December, 12 Jac. I., made between Thomas Packer and others, feoffees of the church-lands, of the one part, and Robert Aldworth, alderman, of Bristol, of the other part; a messuage or tenement, with a garden, some time five almshouses, with five chambers and five cocklofts over them, then lately re-edified and new-built by the said Robert Aldworth, situate on the south side of the churchyard of St. Peter's; which said messuage, or tenement, and garden, some time the almshouses, extended from the said churchyard there, on the north part, unto the wall of the water of Avon backwards, on the south part, 104 feet and 8 inches in length; and also, a little tenement, and some rooms and buildings, lately built by the said Robert Aldworth, on a plot of ground adjoining to the said dwelling-house of the said Robert Aldworth, and situate on the south part, and west of the said churchyard, and containing in length 25 feet 4 inches, and in breadth 11 feet 9 inches, were granted and confirmed unto and to the use of the said Robert Aldworth, his heirs and assigns, for ever, yielding and paying therefore, yearly, for ever, to the said Thomas Packer and others, the rent of 6*l.* by the year.

And it appears by an agreement entered into between St. Peter's parish and the said Robert Aldworth, dated 11th September, 1612, and signed Robert Aldworth, that it was then intended that Robert Aldworth should substitute six other convenient houses or tenements for the poor of the said parish, and also a dwelling for the parson or curate thereof, in lieu of the old poor houses which were proposed to be conveyed to him, and were afterwards so conveyed by the indenture just above abstracted.

The parish are in possession of a tenement at the east-end of the churchyard, their title to which they are unable distinctly to deduce, and which therefore seems to have been conveyed by Mr. Alderman Aldworth to them, the 6*l.* a year rent having probably been reserved in the conveyance to Robert Aldworth, to equalize the value upon the exchange. We are confirmed in this inference by finding, among the parcels in the feoffment to the new feoffees, above referred to, dated 2d October, 1785:—"A messuage

or tenement, formerly in the occupation of John Steel, currier, afterwards new built by Robert Aldworth, alderman, deceased, situate and being at the upper end of the chancel of Saint Peter's church aforesaid."

The premises conveyed to Mr. Robert Aldworth are probably those occupied by Saint Peter's hospital, for which St. Peter's hospital now pays a rent of 6*l.* a year to the parish.

The parish have no houses they call almshouses, or make use of as such; but the 6*l.* a year they receive from the hospital is annually distributed in sums of from 5*s.* to 1*l.*, to a list of old infirm women of the parish, and has been so bestowed for a series of years, as appears by the accounts.

ROBERT KITCHEN'S GIFT.

For the origin of this gift, *see* the Report of the Corporation Charities, under the head of Alderman Robert Kitchen's Charities [Eighth Report, p. 590],* showing, that the corporation of Bristol are bound to pay the sum of 40*s.* a year to the inhabitants of this parish, in four quarterly payments of 10*s.* each, to be distributed by the parish to four poor housekeepers belonging to the same.

The sum of 40*s.* is regularly received from the chamberlain by the churchwardens. It is given to four poor men or women on St. Thomas's day, being burgesses or widows of burgesses of the city.

JOHN LAWFORD'S CHARITY.

John Lawford, by his will, dated the 23d November, 1686, gave and devised to the churchwardens of the parish church of Saint Peter, within the city of Bristol, for the time being, and to their successors, for ever, one annuity or yearly rent-charge of fifty and two shillings of lawful money of England, to be issuing out of all that his messuage and tenement, with the appurtenances, standing in Temple-street, in Bristol, late in the tenure of William Symkins, and then of the widow Dowsing, and to be paid at the four usual feasts or terms in the year; the said 52*s.* annually to be by them the said churchwardens laid out in bread, viz., twelve pence every week; which bread shall be distributed to six poor people of the said parish, (to wit), to each of the same poor people two pence, in bread, on every Lord's day, for ever, with a power of distress for enforcing payment.

This parish receives annually 2*l.* 12*s.* from the churchwardens of Temple parish, in which the house stands, and in which they have an interest. It is, in the introductory

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 136.

statement prefixed to these charities, described as the fifth house on the north-east of the church gate, in Temple-street.

This is distributed in bread, on every Lord's day, to poor persons, as directed by the will.

FRANCIS GLEED'S GIFT.

[See the will of Francis Gleed fully set out in the Report of his charity, among the charities of Saint Mary Redcliff, in this city; [*see* 7th Report, p. 215.]*

The annual sum of 1*l.* 18*s.* is received by this parish, and, according to the accounts, has been given to four or five poor housekeepers.

HENRY NORTHALL'S GIFT.

Henry Northall, late of the city of Bristol, by his will, dated 8th November, 1672, gave and bequeathed all that his messuage or tenement, situate in Broadmead, wherein William Collins then dwelt, unto the then surviving feoffees of the church lands of Saint Peter's parish, the rents and profits to be employed to and for the use of the poor, and for such pious and charitable uses as the said feoffees, and their heirs, should from time to time think fit and appoint; and he gave and devised all that his said messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, in Broadmead aforesaid, in the occupation of Emanuel Tyler, after the death of his wife, and his son, unto his two daughters, and to the heirs of their bodies, lawfully begotten, or to be begotten, and, for default of such issue, the remainder thereof unto the then surviving feoffees of the lands and tenements of and belonging to the parish church of Saint Peter, to the same uses as above mentioned.

It appears, by a memorandum at the bottom of the old extract from the will, that on 5th September, 1673, Mrs. Esther Northall delivered possession of the house in the holding of William Collins, to the feoffees of the church lands.

The house first described in the will was in the possession of the parish till the year 1772, when, by an indenture, bearing date 4th June, in that year, the same was conveyed to the corporation, for a perpetual rent of 2*l.* 10*s.*

This rent is regularly paid by the chamberlain of the city, and distributed every year to poor persons.

As to the house described in the will to be in Tyler's occupation, it appears, by a document in the possession of the parish, that a fine was levied of those premises, and, in point of fact, the parish have never had possession thereof.

* *Vide* vol. ii. p. 72.

GIFTS OF MESSRS. BALDWIN.

WILLIAM BALDWIN, of the parish of Saint Peter, in the city of Bristol, brewer, by his will, dated 5th February, 1617, gave and devised, *inter alia*, as follows;—

"Item, I give to the almshouse of Saint Peter's, 10*s*. by the year, for ever, to be paid out of my dwelling-house, in Saint Mary Port-street, in Bristol; 5*s*. on Saint Thomas's day, and 5*s*. on Good Friday following, yearly, to the which I bind my said house, or whom shall ever hereafter enjoy it."

CHURCH TABLE.—"1661, Mr. William Baldwin gave 52*s*. yearly, to the poor almsfolks of this parish, 12*d*. in bread, every Lord's day, for ever."

The said two yearly sums are paid to the churchwardens of this parish, and have been so for a great number of years, out of a house in Mary Port-street, by the proprietor or occupier thereof.

The 10*s*. is distributed to one or more poor persons annually, and the 52*s*. to the poor of this parish in bread, every Lord's day, among the weekly bread distributions.

WILLIAM OPIE'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1695, Mr. William Opie, some time sheriff of this city, and inhabitant of this parish, gave 26*s*. a year, to be given weekly in bread to three people of this parish, for ever."

This 26*s*. a year has been regularly received; at present it is paid to the churchwardens by a Mr. Colston, pursuant to the donation of the said William Opie, to the parish of Saint Peter, out of a piece of pasture land, called Rackley, consisting of about 10 acres, of which he is the proprietor, situate in the parish of Whitchurch.

It has been distributed, not in bread, but in money, to poor people of this parish, for some years past, generally to three in number.

THOMAS MOORE'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1728, Thomas Moore, Esquire, of Saint Michael's Parish, in this city, gave 50*l*., the interest thereof to be laid out by the churchwardens, in clothing poor housekeepers of this parish, on the 4th January, yearly; and one moiety of 8*l*. 15*s*. being the ground-rent of two houses on Saint James's back, to be likewise laid out by the said churchwardens, in clothing four men, on Saint Thomas's day, yearly, for ever."

The settlement of the ground-rent, the moiety whereof, being 4*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, is payable as stated in the above board to this parish, is fully set out in the account of Thomas Moore's charity to Saint Michael's parish.—[*See* 9th Report, p. 363.]*

By an extract of his will, dated 3d March, 1734, in the books of this parish, it appears that the said Thomas Moore gave to the poor of the parish of Saint Peter, as well as to that of Saint Michael, in the city of Bristol, and Westbury, in the county of Gloucester, 50*l.*, to be paid to the several churchwardens of the said several parishes, and their successors, for ever, the interest to be laid out and employed in clothing as many poor persons, housekeepers, as the churchwardens could do with the same, which was to be given to the poor the 4th of January, yearly, for ever.

The parish of Saint Peter received the 50*l.*, which was sunk, with other sums, in the parish stock; but the interest, at four per cent. upon it, is to be considered as included in the 13*l.* 12*s.* The parish also receives out of the premises mentioned in the board, their proportion, viz. 4*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* per annum, making in all 6*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, which sum is annually applied in purchasing clothing for poor men and women.

The articles upon which this sum is expended, with other moneys employed in the same way, are enumerated in the books, showing the intentions of the charity to be satisfied.

ELIZABETH FITZALL'S CHARITY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzall, by her will, dated 16th October, 1724, gave to the minister and churchwardens for the time being, of this parish, 100*l.*, to be issuing out of and charged upon her messuage, tenement, or late inn, called by the name of the Plumb and Feathers, situate in the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, the interest to be by them distributed in bread, to and amongst poor housekeepers, in the parish of St. Peter, not receiving alms, half yearly.

The testatrix appears to have died on the 14th November, 1724.

By a note subjoined to the above extract from the will, it is stated that this charity was, in the year 1750, paid by James Bowyer, at the rate of 4*l.* per annum; and that in the year 1752 it was paid by Jonathan Harding, at four per cent.; and that in the year 1769 it was paid by Captain John James, being at those times the occupiers or tenants of the said house; and it is also stated, in the said note, to be the corner house at the bottom of West-street, facing the road to Lawrence-hill, being bounded on the north side with a lane facing Gloucester-lane.

It appears, that 4*l.* per cent. has continued to be paid upon the 100*l.* by the proprietor or occupier of the said house, and that this has been distributed, in weekly bread, among the poor.

* *Vide* vol. ii. p. 113.

GIFTS OF JOHN DOWELL AND ELIZABETH SELBY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1786, Mr. John Dowell, gentleman, many years a vestryman of this parish, gave 5*l.* a year out of a house in Wine-street, to the rector and churchwardens of St. Peter's, for the use of the poor for ever.

"1788. Mrs. Elizabeth Selby, widow, late of this parish, gave 2*l.* 10*s.* a year out of a house in Wine-street, to the rector and churchwardens of St. Peter's, for the use of the poor for ever."

By indenture, dated 2d August, 1788, made between William Dowell, of the city of Bristol, hat-maker, of the one part, and the Rev. Thomas Broughton, rector of the parish church of St. Peter, in Bristol, and Isaac Cox and Thomas Granger, churchwardens of the parish of St. Peter, of the other part; reciting, that in and by an indenture bearing even date therewith, and made between the said William Dowell, John Dowell, and Joel Gardiner, of the one part, and Isaac Bence of the other part, it was therein recited, that John Dowell, late of Bristol, being seised in fee of the messuage and premises situate in Wine-street, within the said parish, and thereinafter described, had by his last will, dated 31st July, 1782, desired that the said house should be sold, and that the money arising from such sale should be equally divided amongst his children; and that if his eldest should choose to have any part of his freehold or leasehold estates, that the same should be valued, and the estates so valued paid for by him, for the uses hereinbefore expressed; and that the said testator had, by his said will, left to the minister and churchwardens of the said parish 100*l.*, the interest arising therefrom to be given to the poor of the said parish at Christmas, for ever; which it was his wish should be placed out, by purchasing of some annuity out of some estate, that it might not be sunk in the church account; and appointed his two sons, William Dowell and John Dowell, jointly with the said Joel Gardiner, his executors, who had since his death proved the same in the episcopal court of Bristol; and reciting that the said William Dowell had agreed to take to the said house and premises, which had been valued at the sum of 385*l.*; and also reciting, that Elizabeth Selby, of Bristol aforesaid, widow, had, by her last will, given to the minister and churchwardens of the same parish, the sum of 50*l.*, the interest thereof to be disposed of to the poor of the same parish, and had appointed the said testator, John Dowell, her executor, who had proved her said will; and further reciting that the said two several sums of 100*l.* and 50*l.* were in the hands of them the said William Dowell, John Dowell, and Joel Gardiner, as executors as aforesaid; and that the said William Dowell had agreed, in consideration of an abatement of 150*l.* out of the said 385*l.*, to charge the said messuage and premises with the payment of two several annual sums of 5*l.* and 2*l.* 10*s.*; it is witnessed, that he the said William Dowell did thereby declare that the said messuage or premises was and stood charged and liable to pay unto the rector and the churchwardens for the time being of the said parish, the two several annual sums of 5*l.* and 2*l.* 10*s.* for ever, by half yearly payments; and the said William Dowell did thereby also covenant to pay the said sums out of the said premises

therein described as all that messuage or tenement and premises situate in Wine-street, in the city of Bristol, called or known by the name or sign of the Three Flower Pots, formerly in the occupation of Anthony Webb, late of Mr. Cookworthy; since of Elizabeth Herring, adjoining to a certain building lately called the Horse Shoe Inn on the east, and to a messuage, formerly in the possession of Charles Harford, grocer, and then of James Garsed, haberdasher, on the west, with power of distress and entry for compelling payment of the same.

The house is in the possession of Aquila Barber, a silversmith. The rent is regularly paid by Mr. William Dowell, who charged the same upon the premises aforesaid; and the annual amount of that which was left by John Dowell, being 5*l.*, is applied and distributed to the poor in clothing, the expenditure of which is regularly brought to account in the books, with an entry of the names of the persons receiving the benefit, and the articles furnished.

The amount of Elizabeth Selby's gift, being 2*l.* 10*s.*, is distributed among poor persons, in sums varying from 2*s.* 6*d.* to 10*s.*, lists of the persons relieved being entered in the book.

GABRIEL RYMAR'S CHARITY.

Gabriel Rymar, of the city of Bristol, victualler, by his will, dated 16th July, 1788, gave and bequeathed to his friend and neighbour, Joel Gardiner, and to his heirs and assigns, for ever, all that his house and garden, estate and premises, situate at Upper Easton, in the hundred of Barton Regis, county of Gloucester, subject nevertheless to the payment of 4*l.* 10*s.* yearly, for ever, to the rector and churchwardens of Saint Peter, within the city of Bristol, to be by them laid out in bread and clothes, and distributed on the 28th day of January, yearly, unto such of the poor of the said parish as might be by them thought proper objects of charity.

The house and premises at Easton are well known, and were late in the occupation of William Singer Jacques. The annuity charged upon it is regularly paid by Mr. Gardiner, and has been entirely distributed in clothing. The expenditure is regularly brought to account in the books, and lists entered of the persons relieved.

VINCENT THORNE'S CHARITY.

Church Table.—" 1682, Mr. Vincent Thorne, merchant, gave 10*l.* the profit thereof to the poor, for ever."

It appears by the accounts, that this 10*l.* was received, and that 8*s.*, being four per cent. on this sum, is given to one or more poor persons of the parish.

WILLIAM COLSTON'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—" 1683, William Colston, Esquire, gave 10*l.* the profit thereof to two poor housekeepers of this parish, yearly, for ever."

This 10*l.* appears to have been received by the parish, and 8*s.*, being the interest at four per cent., given to one or more poor housekeepers of the parish.

RICHARD BEAUCHAMP'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—" 1703, Mr. Richard Beauchamp, late of this parish, now of London, gave 30*l.*, the profit to be disposed of to three poor housekeepers of this parish, not receiving alms, on Good Friday, for ever."

This appears to have been received about the time of the date of the board, and the principal appears to have been merged in the general parish stock.

The interest is included in the 13*l.* 12*s.* mentioned in the prefatory statement.

It is distributed to poor housekeepers and poor persons, in very varying amounts, from 1*s.* to 10*s.*

ROBERT BERKELEY'S CHARITY.

CHURCH BOARD.—" 1706, Mr. Robert Berkeley, late of this parish, gave the sum of 100*l.*, the profit thereof to be employed for the placing a poor boy of this parish apprentice every year, for ever; the said boy not to be of the Mint."

The principal has been sunk into the general parish stock, and the interest is said to be included in the 13*l.* 12*s.* mentioned in the statement at the head of these charities.

Opportunities have not always been found of placing a boy out in an eligible and advantageous way; so that this charity has not been regularly applied as directed. We cannot say that it appears, by the accounts, that the accumulation of the 100*l.* when not applied in apprenticing boys, has been kept apart and distinct as a fund belonging to this charity. It seems, however, to have been regularly accounted for, as between the churchwardens and the parish.

The vestry have undertaken to be careful in future to make this annual sum of 4*l.* available to the specific objects of the donor's bounty, where it can be done in an eligible

mode; and when it cannot be so done, the moneys are to be reserved and distinctly accounted for in reference to this charity, so that the same may always be applied as soon as proper opportunities occur; and it perhaps may be more useful, if such accumulation should take place, to give larger apprentice fees in some cases, for the sake of securing better instruction and better treatment.

SUSANNAH HAINES'S CHARITY.

Susannah Haines, by her will, dated in 1707, gave 30*l.* to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Saint Peter, to be laid out at interest or in a purchase, and the interest or yearly rent of such purchase to be distributed among six poor women of this parish, equally, on the 13th April yearly, for ever.

This sum of 30*l.* was received, and sunk in the church stock; and by a note subjoined to the extract of this will, in the churchwarden's account book, it appears that 30*s.* was given in money to six poor women, out of the church stock, per annum; but the accounts show no trace of any thing beyond 24*s.*, which is four per cent., being distributed under this charity. The last mentioned sum continues to be annually distributed to six poor persons, generally women, of the parish.

HANNAH FIELDING'S CHARITY.

Church Table.—"1712, Mrs. Hannah Fielding, daughter of Alderman Fielding, gave 20*l.*, the profit thereof, for ever, for keeping at school a poor child or children of this parish, yearly, for ever."

This 20*l.* was also consolidated with the parish stock, and the interest is to be considered as accounted for in the 13*l.* 12*s.*, mentioned in the initiatory statement.

It appears by the accounts, that occasionally poor children have been put out to a day-school under this charity; the last year 16*s.*, being the interest at six per cent., was paid to the diocesan school, and it is intended in future to continue this disposition. When the interest of the 20*l.* has not been specifically appropriated, it has gone to the general purposes of the parish.

SIR WILLIAM CLUTTERBUCK'S CHARITY.

Church Board.—"1714, Sir William Clutterbuck, Knight, some time mayor, and alderman of this city, gave 40*l.* to this parish, the profit of it to be given to the poor in bread every Lord's-day."

The money was received, according to the churchwarden's accounts, on the 4th January, 1714; but as no specific investment appears to have been made of it, it must be considered as having been, like many of the other gifts, consolidated with the parish stock. It is included in the 13*l.* 12*s.*, mentioned in the statement at the beginning of these charities, and is distributed in bread every Lord's-day, making an annual sum of 1*l.* 12*s.*, being at the rate of 4 per cent.

JOHN SHORT'S GIFT.

CHURCH BOARD.—"1720, Mr. John Short, of the Castle-precincts, gave 30*l.*, the profits thereof to four poor widows of this parish, not receiving alms, on the 1st November, yearly, for ever."

Of the 30*l.* principal, the same account must be given as in the former cases, but the interest is provided for among the sums composing the 13*l.* 12*s.*; the interest at four per cent being 1*l.* 4*s.*, is annually given to poor widows of the parish; and it seems, in some cases, to such as receive parochial relief.

ELIZABETH FIELDING'S CHARITY.

CHURCH BOARD.—"1692, Mrs. Elizabeth Fielding, widow, gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof to one poor inhabitant of this parish receiving no assistance, on Saint Thomas's day, yearly, for ever."

The principal has been sunk, but the interest is a part of the annual sum of 13*l.* 12*s.* before-mentioned.

JAMES SELBY'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1722, James Selby, gentleman, many years a vestryman of this parish, gave 100*l.*, the interest thereof to be applied annually by the rector and churchwardens of the said parish, for the relief of the poor, for ever."

This 100*l.* was duly received by the parish, and appears to be one of the sums provided for by the investment of 334*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, pursuant to an order of vestry, dated 29th June, 1797, by which investment, provision was made for the payment of 4*l.* per cent. upon the same. The said order proceeds as follows:—

29th day of June, 1797.

At a meeting of the vestry, held at the time above mentioned, it was resolved and agreed, that Mr. Thomas Cross, the senior churchwarden of the said parish, should forthwith, by and out of the parish stock, purchase the sum of 333*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, three per cent. consolidated annuities, in the names of the Rev. Thomas Broughton, of the parish of Twerton, in the county of Somerset, clerk, rector of the said parish of Saint Peter; William Dowell, merchant; John Dowell, merchant; and Isaac Cox, salesman; all of the city of Bristol, for the purpose of replacing, or in lieu of, the several principal sums of money hereinafter mentioned, which were given and bequeathed to the said parish, for the use of the poor, by the following persons, viz.; the sum of 100*l.*, given and bequeathed to said parish, by Mr. James Selby, deceased; the sum of 100*l.*, given and bequeathed to said parish, by Mrs. Hannah Bryan, deceased; and the sum of 50*l.*, given and bequeathed to said parish, by Mr. John Barlow, deceased; which said several principal sums of 100*l.*, 100*l.*, and 50*l.*, so given to the said parish, were, and have been for a considerable time, sunk in or consolidated with the parish stock, so that at this time no specific fund appears to exist for securing the same several sums of money, and the interest thereof, respectively, (although a sum of money equal to and in lieu of the interest of the said several sums of money, hath been from year to year regularly paid, and applied to the use of the poor of the said parish of Saint Peter.)

Also, it was resolved, that from henceforth the dividends on the above stock shall be considered as interest for the above-mentioned gifts, at the rate of 4*l.* per cent. per annum, and shall be yearly applied and disposed of, by the rector and churchwardens of the said parish of Saint Peter, for the time being, for the use of the poor of the same parish, for ever, according to the directions of the respective donors.

And it was further resolved and agreed, that in case of the death of any or either of the persons, in whose names the said stock or fund above-mentioned shall be purchased and held, that then the survivors or survivor of them, shall and will duly transfer the same to and in the names of themselves or himself, and such one or more person or persons, as the vestrymen of such parish, for the time being, shall or may direct; and so from time to time, as often as any or either of such person or persons (in whose names the said stock or funds may be held) shall happen to die, and that the same stock or fund, or the produce thereof, and the dividends arising therefrom, shall be always held and applied to and for the uses and purposes aforesaid.

This sum is distributed annually, on Saint Thomas's day, in sums of from 1*s.* to 10*s.*

MRS. HANNAH BRYAN'S CHARITY.

Church Table.—"1779, Mrs. Hannah Bryan gave 100*l.*, the interest thereof to be divided among the poor of this parish, one moiety in coals, at Christmas; and the other at the discretion of the minister, churchwardens, and vestry, for ever."

This money was received by the parish, and has been provided for, by the purchase

of the 333*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, three per cent. consols, in the same manner as the gift of James Selby, last above-mentioned, as will appear by reference to the vestry order, dated 29th June, 1797, above referred to.

The 4*l.* per cent., distributable with reference to this 100*l.*, has been bestowed precisely in the same way as the gift of James Selby.

JOHN BARLOW'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"Mr. John Barlow gave 50*l.* to the rector and churchwardens, the interest thereof to four poor housekeepers, not receiving alms, on the 27th March, yearly, for ever."

There is no date to the church board, but the same appears, by the churchwarden's accounts, to have been received in the year 1779.

This gift is also one of the three provided for under the investment of 333*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, three per cent. consols, purchased under the said order of vestry, dated 29th June, 1797, and the application of it has been precisely the same as that of James Selby and Hannah Bryan.

NICHOLAS TILLEY'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—" 1685, Mr. Nicholas Tilley, of this parish, gave 50*l.*, the profit thereof in twopenny bread, to poor housekeepers, weekly, for ever."

By the accounts, it appears this 50*l.* was received in the year 1686.

We do not find by the books that there is any specific distribution of bread, in respect of this charity; nor does it appear to be included in the sum of 13*l.* 12*s.* a year, mentioned in the introductory statement. This must be considered as among the sunk charities.

Many of the gentlemen of the vestry being present, we were given to understand, that the consideration of the vestry would be called to the circumstances just above stated, in order that the above donation, and all others similarly circumstanced, might be provided for, by an adequate addition to be made to the fund intended to be raised for the purposes of restoring all the charities, the capitals of which had been sunk in the manner before alluded to, and that they would themselves recommend and urge the adoption of this measure. It was also understood that, in the mean time, the 13*l.* 12*s.* annually paid, should be enlarged, so as to comprehend the interest of these charities, as well as the others.

EDWARD TILLEY'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1690, Mr. Edward Tilley, of this parish, gave 100*l.*, to four parishes in this city, whereof this parish hath a greater part, the profit thereof to be given weekly to the poor, in bread, for ever."

It appears by the churchwarden's account, that 25*l.* was received on account of this charity, in the year 1691.

The observations, subjoined to the above case of Nicholas Tilley, apply to this of Edward Tilley.

EDWARD FIELDING'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1691, Edward Fielding, Esquire, alderman of this city, gave 20*l.* the profit thereof to be given to two poor housekeepers of this parish, receiving no alms, on St. Thomas's day, yearly, for ever."

Alderman Fielding's gift appears to have been received by the parish, and to have been paid for some time, but it has long ceased to be paid; so that the same observations, that were made in the case of Nicholas Tilley, apply also to this.

SAMUEL HALE'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1686, Samuel Hale gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof weekly to the poor, in bread, for ever."

This 10*l.*, as we find by the churchwarden's accounts, was received in the year 1686, and does not appear to have been distributed.

Same observations as in the case of Nicholas Tilley's gift.

SAMUEL WALLIS'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1699, Samuel Wallis, Esquire, some time mayor of this city, gave 20*s.*, for preaching a sermon annually, in this church, on the day of electing a

governor, &c., for the better providing of the poor of this city, and 5*s.* to the clerk and sexton."

The annual sum of 20*s.* has been paid to the clergyman for preaching this sermon, and 5*s.* to the clerk and sexton. The payments are made by the treasurer of the corporation of the poor.

RICHARD GRAVATT'S GIFT.

Although we find that the board records, that in "1724 Mr. Richard Gravatt gave 12*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor of this parish, on the first Sunday in every month, for ever," it does not appear that there is any trace of this donation in the parish books.

The book, in which the accounts for the year 1724 were kept, has been lost as before-mentioned; but it is to be presumed that it was received, as the board makes mention of it. The will has been searched for at Bristol, and in the Commons, without effect. It seems that a similar donation, recorded among the charities of Saint Michael's parish, [*see* Ninth Report, page 363],* was there stated to have been given "to be spent by the vestry." If the gift to this parish was for the same purpose, its not appearing in the books may be easily accounted for.

MRS. MARY BOUCHER AND MRS. JOAN LANGTON'S CHARITIES.

Mrs. Mary Boucher, and her daughter, Joan Langton, widows, gave lands for the payment of 10*s.* a-piece, to 52 poor widows of this city, yearly, for ever, of which this parish was to have a proportion.

This charity is distributed by feoffees, and has been fully reported in the Seventh Report, p. 270.†

ALDERMAN GEORGE HARRINGTON'S GIFT.

The origin of this gift is stated fully in the Sixth Report, p. 530.‡ among the charities under the management of the corporation, which shows that Alderman Harrington gave the annual sum of 26*l.*, to be given to poor persons of the several parishes in the

* *Vide* vol. ii. p. 112. † *Vide* vol. i. p. 180. ‡ *Ibid.* p. 94.

deed mentioned, among which is included this parish, which was to receive the sum of 10*s.* quarterly, and to bestow the same upon some poor householder, being a burgess, or the widow of a burgess of this city.

Forty shillings are received annually under this charity from the chamberlain, and that sum is distributed to burgesses, or the widows of burgesses of the city; but it appears that, for the last two or three years, only three persons have partaken of this charity; two have received 15*s.* each, and one 10*s.*

MRS. HALSTONE'S CHARITY.

Church Table.—"1798, the gift of the mother of Miss Mary Monro, for preaching a sermon on the 1st May, yearly," viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
To the rector	2	2	0
To the curate	0	10	6
To the clerk	0	5	0
To the sexton	0	5	0
And bread to be distributed to the poor housekeepers of the Castle precincts, at the discretion of the rector for the time being	1	1	0
To poor housekeepers of the parish of Saint Peter's, in the same manner, for ever	1	1	0

By referring to the account of Mrs. Rosanna Halstone's gift, among the charities in the parish of Saint Paul, [*See* Ninth Report, p. 454],* a full account of this charity will be found.

The premises in Somerset-square is there shown to belong to Mrs. Peters, who has regularly paid the above annual sums charged, as appears by the board.

The rector, curate, clerk, and sexton, severally receive their shares of the donation; the other two annual sums of 1*l.* 1*s.* each are distributed in bread, as directed.

FURTHER DONATION OF ROSANNA HALSTONE, DECEASED.

Rosanna Halstone, by her said will, dated 23d March, 1805, gave and bequeathed unto the churchwardens of the said parish of Saint Peter, for the time being, and their successors, for ever, the sum of 75*l.*, upon trust, to invest the same at interest, and the interest and profit arising therefrom, from time to time, as the same should be received

* *Vide* vol. ii. p. 221.

by them, to lay out in the purchase of bread, to be by them distributed unto and amongst such of the poor housekeepers of the said parish of Saint Peter and Castle precincts respectively, as the rector for the time being of the said parish of Saint Peter should think proper.

Sixty-seven pounds ten shillings, to which sum the 75*l.* was reduced by the legacy duty, was received by the churchwardens in the year 1806, and the same was sunk in the parish stock; the interest has not been applied, but the parish intend to invest a sufficient sum to realize this bequest, and to apply the annual produce according to the intention of the donor.

This being the last charity examined into in Saint Peter's parish, we were attended by a considerable part of the vestrymen of the same parish, who declared themselves in favour of a future application of such part of their charitable funds as were destined to poor housekeepers, or were left absolutely to their own discretion, towards the relief of that part of their poor who should be above the condition of paupers, and should appear to be bringing up their families industriously, decently, and honestly, and answering the description of housekeepers dwelling in the parish, with respect to whose deserts inquiries should be made, so as to settle the lists of those who might appear to be deserving, on the plan that had been agreed to be adopted in Saint Nicholas and Saint John's parishes, as far as such an arrangement should be found compatible with the circumstances of this parish, and the intentions of the several charitable donors.

It was agreed, also, to propose to the vestry scrupulously to confine the relief to the persons whose names should be entered upon the several lists to be kept of them, as well as also to adhere to the proportions predetermined upon for each list, taking care that every charity should be substantially effectuated; and that they would distribute as much bread as would satisfy the amount thereof under the several donations.

These bread donations put together would amount to 16*l.* 19*s.* per annum, and the amount in bread actually distributed being only 12*l.* 5*s.* per annum, there would remain a deficiency of 4*l.* 14*s.* to be made good in future.

IN-PARISH OF

SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JACOB.

Edward Cox's Gift.
Alderman Kitchen's Gift.
Alderman Harrington's Gift.
Alderman Joseph Jackson's Gift.
Francis Gleed's Charity.
Abraham Birkin's Gift.
Francis Fuller's Charity.
John Brown's Charity.
John Jeane's Gift.
Letitia Barcroft's Gift.
Collins's Gift.
Samuel Gomond's Gift.
Charities of Mary Boucher and Joan Langton.
John Harford's Gift.
The charities of Thomas Farmer and William Curtis.
William Burroughs's Gift.
Edward Cox's Gift.
Thomas Easton's Gift.
Paul Orchard's Gift.
Henry Whitehead's Charity.
Samuel Hale's Charity.
Jeremy Holway's Gift.

Sir William Cann's Gift.
John Lawford's Gift.
William Scott's Charity.
Elizabeth Pitt's Charity.
Edward Terrell's Charity.
Dr. Sherman's Charity.
Walter Stephen's Charity.
Herbert Vaughan's Charity.
Isaac Davis's Gift.
John Edwards's Charity.
Timothy Parker's gift.
William Whittington's Gift.
William Jackson's Gift.
Mrs. Christian Blackbourne's Gift.
Edward Tilley's Charity.
William Vigor's Charity.
Captain James Smith's Charity.
James Oswald's Gift.
Gilbert Barcroft's Gift.
Ann Taylor's Gift.
Samuel Stokes's Charity.
Mary Blagdon's Gift.
Alice James's Gift.

EDWARD COX'S GIFT.

SEE the account of Edward Cox's charity among the corporation charities, Sixth Report, p. 532,* wherein will be found an abstract of the will of Edward Cox, dated 26th July, 1627, and also of an indenture, under the corporation seal, dated 26th September, 6th Charles 1st, which recites the will, and secures the payment of 8*l.* to the parish of Saint Philip and Saint Jacob, as therein expressed.

According to the churchwarden's books, this 8*l.* annuity has been received from the chamberlain, together with the gifts of Alderman Harrington and Alderman Kitchen, and two other gifts, by Mr. Fuller and Mr. Jackson, but the same has been applied indiscriminately, among the other charitable donations to the general poor, in bread, coals, clothes, and money, without distinguishing between those who have and those who have not received parochial relief.

ALDERMAN KITCHEN'S GIFT.

SEE the report of this case, as far as regards the gift of 2*l.* a year to four poor housekeepers of the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, in the general account of Alderman Kitchen's gifts, reported in the Eighth Report, p. 592.†

It appears by the churchwarden's accounts, that this money has been a regular item on the receipt side, and that it has been laid out in the same general way as the charity above mentioned.

ALDERMAN HARRINGTON'S GIFT.

ALDERMAN HARRINGTON'S gift appears among the corporation charities in the Sixth Report, p. 530 ;‡ it is an annual sum of 2*l.* payable by the chamberlain to the in-parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, for four poor housekeepers, and appears by the churchwarden's accounts to have been regularly received, and applied in the same general way as the former charities of the same kind.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 97. † *Ibid.* p. 136. ‡ *Ibid.* p. 94.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH JACKSON'S GIFT.

It has been already shown in the report of Joseph Jackson's charities, Eighth Report,* p. 611, that an annual payment is made of 1*l.* 15*s.* by the chamberlain, to the overseers of the poor of this parish.

The receipt of this 1*l.* 15*s.* appears regularly on the debtor side of the churchwarden's accounts; but there is no specific item showing the application of this money in any of the books. It is understood, however, to be included in the general mass of Christmas donations; but as it now appears that this 1*l.* 15*s.* was to be bestowed in a weekly payment of 2*s.* to a poor housekeeper, to be divided in the same manner as Robert Kitchens's charity was to be divided, it has been proposed and recommended, that this charity shall in future be put upon its right footing.

FRANCIS GLEED'S CHARITY.

Francis Gleed's donation is set forth in the Seventh Report,† p. 215, where it appears that 2*l.* annually was to be paid to some one poor householder or widow, in each of the parishes therein mentioned, that of the in-parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob being one. By the accounts of the churchwardens, it appears that the sum of 1*l.* 18*s.* as in the other cases of Gleed's donation, before reported, has been regularly received from Messrs. Osborne and Ward, and those who have collected it before them, 2*s.* being deducted for the trouble of collection, on which practice we have before animadverted.

It has been the practice in the parish to distribute this charity among four different persons, generally widows of freemen of the city, in sums of 9*s.* 6*d.* each.

ABRAHAM BIRKIN'S GIFT.

The church table, without date, thus expresses this gift:—

"Mr. Abraham Birkin gave 5*s.* in bread to the poor for ever."

This annual sum is paid to the churchwardens of St. Philip and St. Jacob, by the churchwardens of St. Mary-le-Port; in the report of the charities of which parish [*see* Tenth Report, page 506]‡ will be found the account of this gift.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 161. † *Vide* vol. ii. p. 72. ‡ *Ibid.* p. 40.

The amount is annually bestowed in bread, and is included in what is called the October bread, and is specially designated in the account as Abraham Birkin's gift.

FRANCIS FULLER'S CHARITY.

By a city seal or bond, dated 25th July, 1715, reciting, that Francis Fuller, late of St. Andrew's, Holborn, but who was born in the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, in Bristol, by his last will dated 17th December, 1705, after giving some few legacies in money to his friends, did give and bequeath the residue of the whole of his estate, of what kind soever and wheresoever, to the poor of the said parish, to be distributed and disposed of at the discretion of the mayor and aldermen, as they should think fit; and reciting a cause in the court of Chancery, wherein the mayor and aldermen were the complainants, against Thomas Barrow and Elias Pledger, defendants; upon the hearing of which cause, on the 27th April, 1714, the defendants were ordered to account for the estate of the said Francis Fuller, and to pay the balance in their hands to the mayor and aldermen of the said city, according to the directions of the said will; and further reciting that the said executors had paid to the said mayor and aldermen, in part of such residuary estate, 200*l.*; and reciting the Master's report in that cause, dated 26th November, 1714, whereby it was found, that there remained in the hands of the defendant, Thomas Barrow, 334*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*, which he was to pay to the plaintiffs, for the benefit of the charity; and that the said last-mentioned sum had also been paid to the said mayor and aldermen; and further reciting, that the said mayor, burgesses, and commonalty, by a certain writing under their common seal, bearing date 11th December, 1714, had covenanted to indemnify the said Thomas Barrow and Elias Pledger in the manner therein mentioned, they, the said mayor, burgesses, and commonalty, in consideration of the premises, did thereby, under their common seal, bind themselves and their successors in the penal sum of 670*l.* unto Henry Whitehead and William Whitehead, Esquires, and others therein named, all principal inhabitants of the said parish, and to the survivors and survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, for the payment of interest for the said sum of 334*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* after the rate of 5*l.* per centum per annum, to such person and persons as the mayor and aldermen of the said city should from time to time authorise and appoint to receive the same, by half-yearly equal payments, from the day of the date thereof, for the use of the poor of the said parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, until such time as the mayor and aldermen of the said city should demand the said principal sum of 334*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*, and then for the payment of the said principal sum.

In the year 1739, the above abstracted city seal, whereby the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty had bound themselves to the said Henry Whitehead, William Whitehead, and others, inhabitants of the said parish, to pay them the interest of five per cent. upon the said principal, was given up to the corporation, and another city seal was taken, bearing date 1st May, 1739, which recites the bond of indemnity, dated 11th December, 1714, but makes no mention of the former city seal; by which last-mentioned instrument the said mayor, burgesses, and commonalty, bound themselves in the penal sum therein

mentioned, to Thomas Easton and others, principal inhabitants of the said parish, for the payment of interest for the said sum of 334*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*, after the rate of 3*l.* 10*s.* by the 100*l.* by the year, to such person and persons as the said mayor and aldermen should from time to time authorize and appoint to receive the same, by half-yearly payments.

The chamberlain produced a copy of the original bond or city seal, with a note at the bottom, in red ink, to the effect following :—

" Interest at five per cent. paid to the 15th October, 1718; 4 per cent. from ditto to 1st May, 1739; and from that time at 3½ per cent.

" There is no copy of this bond in the bond-book, nor any trace how the variation of interest originated."

At a vestry, held April 25th, 1808, the minister, churchwardens, and overseers of the parish aforesaid, addressed a memorial to the mayor and aldermen, stating shortly the above will, and that in the year 1739, money being then in great plenty, and the value thereof decreased, the mayor and aldermen had given notice to the churchwardens of the said parish that they could no longer procure five per cent. for the said money, but that 3½ per cent. was the utmost that could be obtained for the same, for which a seal was granted bearing that date, and that no more than 3½ per cent. had been paid from that time to the then present year. That as the value of money was then (at the time of the memorial being presented) greatly increased, and five per cent. being to be obtained in the government funds, and upon other good securities, they requested that the mayor and aldermen would, at their own discretion, cause the said sum of 334*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* to be placed out at interest, in such manner as that the succeeding churchwardens of the said parish might in future receive 5 per cent. for the said money, to be divided between the numerous and increasing poor of the said parish, in conformity to the directions of the said will.

In consequence of this memorial, a meeting of the common council was held at the Council house, on 22d October, 1808, at which a resolution was passed, that, upon the vestry of the said parish delivering up the bond of the corporation to be cancelled, the said sum of 334*l.* 10*s.* should be invested in the corporate name of the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the city of Bristol, their successors and assigns, in the purchase of three per cent. bank annuities, 1726, at the current market price, and that Mr. Chamberlain should issue moneys accordingly. It appears, however, by the statement of Mr. Thomas Garrard, the present chamberlain, that the bond was never surrendered, and that the corporation continued to pay the 3½ per cent.

It is supposed that the bond was not surrendered, pursuant to the requisition of the corporation, on account of the repugnance felt by the vestry to give it up, until the arrangement proposed to be adopted by the corporation should be carried into effect, by the new investment of the principal money.

It appears, by the accounts, that the interest of the principal, being 11*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* per annum, has, for a great number of years back, been regularly received from the chamberlain, and as regularly applied in bread and money to the poor of the parish, on St. Thomas's day, according to the directions of the will.

JOHN BROWN'S CHARITY.

All that appears respecting the origin of this charity is what occurs in the benefaction table, which is as follows :—

"Mr. John Brown, labourer, gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor of the in-parish, yearly, for ever."

By an indenture dated 7th May, 1753, two fee-farm rents, the one of 3*l.* 5*s.*, issuing out of a certain plot or parcel of void ground in Milk-street, and the other of 5*l.* 5*s.*, issuing out of several messuages or tenements, late in the occupation of Humphrey Merrick and John Hunt, and the building erected near adjoining to the same messuages, in the place or ground of a ruinous tenement, formerly of Joan Baggs, and a garden ground lying between the same messuages, and other the lands and hereditaments formerly of the same Joan Baggs, extending from a street or lane formerly called Rosemary lane, were conveyed by John Barrow, of Bristol, gentleman, and George Fall, of the same city, to John Brickdale, his heirs and assigns, for ever, discharged of all incumbrances, except the yearly sum of 10*s.*, which had been usually paid by the said George Fall, and his ancestors, to the churchwardens for the time being of the parish of Saint Philip and Saint Jacob, in the city of Bristol, for the use of the poor of the same parish.

The ground-rents, the subject of the above conveyance, have now become vested in Mrs. Catherine Riddle. We find, by the accounts, that Fall paid the sum of 10*s.* in the year 1747. Mr. Matthew Brickdale appears to have paid it after him. It has since been paid by Mr. Hooper, and is now paid by Mrs. Riddle.

It is expended among the general charitable distributions at Christmas, before alluded to.

JOHN JEANES'S GIFT.

The Church Board thus records this gift :—

"John Jeanes, of this city, mariner, gave in his life two tenements, in Cheese-lane, the profit whereof for the clothing of as many poor men and women, being freemen and widows of freemen of the in-parish, as much as the clear rents shall amount unto, on Michaelmas-day, yearly, for ever."

The two tenements in Cheese-lane, so given by John Jeanes, are still in existence, but in a very dilapidated state. They are let out in rooms and apartments to poor people at 6*d.* per week, which has been the practice for many years. Formerly the parish was permitted to use these tenements as common dwellings for their poor, free of rent. The amount of the rent is, of course, fluctuating; but the sum received on this

account, in 1822, was 11*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, out of which were some disbursements for work done upon the premises, and for insurance.

These receipts for rent are regularly expended in various articles of clothing for poor men and women, which are specified among the items of disbursement in the churchwarden's account.

LETITIA BARCROFT'S GIFT.

The table in the church has this statement :—

"1755: Mrs. Letitia Barcroft, in memory of her dear deceased husband, Gilbert Barcroft, gent. of this parish, gave of her own free will these three tables."

It does not appear, by the accounts, that Letitia Barcroft was the original donor of any thing to the parish, except the tables mentioned. The three tables were set up, and on one of them were also added these words, "and the following gift;" but we could learn nothing distinctly with respect to any donation from this person. It is surmised, that the gift of Gilbert Barcroft, the husband, being subject to objections, in consequence of the mortmain act, Letitia Barcroft, his widow, carried her husband's intention into effect of her own free will.

[*See* the case of Gilbert Barcroft.]

COLLINS'S GIFT.

A Mrs. Collins, of the parish of St. James, in the city of Bristol, widow, by her will, dated 31st August, 1775, gave and bequeathed as follows :—

"I give unto the poor housekeepers of Saint Philip's in and out-parish, to be given in the month of January, in sixpenny bread, the use of 40*l.*; and if my will had not been made a twelve month, that shall be no hindrance, and the 40*l.* to be paid to the churchwardens at my decease, and to be put on the tables in sister Barcroft's name."

This 40*l.* appears to have been the same as that which is mentioned on the church table as given by Gilbert Barcroft. It has been already stated, that Letitia Barcroft, his wife, seems to have intended to carry her husband's purposed benevolence into effect. We are given to understand, that the dispositions of Mrs. Letitia Barcroft were set aside on account of insanity; and the general opinion, and indeed the probable fact, seems to be, that Mrs. Collins did nothing further than give effect to the gift of Mr. Gilbert Barcroft.

SAMUEL GOMOND'S GIFT.

By an extract of the will of Samuel Gomond, who died 9th May, 1819, we find that the testator gave the sum of 100*l.*, free of legacy-duty, to the minister and churchwardens of the parish of Saint Philip and Saint Jacob, within the city of Bristol, to be placed out at interest in the government funds, and to pay the annual interest and dividends thereof among five poor housekeepers, according to their discretion.

It appears that the said 100*l.* was received, and laid out in the purchase of 142*l.* 3*s.* stock in the 3 per cent. consols, which now stands in the names of the Rev. William Day, John Otton, and Onesephilus Lucas. The dividends are received through the banking-house of Elton & Co., Bristol.

Those for 1822, were applied according to the directions of the donor.

CHARITIES OF MARY BOUCHER AND JOAN LANGTON.

The church-table is in the following terms:—

"Mrs. Mary Boucher, and her daughter Mrs. Joan Langton, widows, gave lands for the payment of 10*s.* a piece to fifty-two poor widows of this city, yearly, for ever, of which this in-parish hath a proportion.

By referring to the statement in the Seventh Report, p. 270,* made of the charities of Mary Boucher and Joan Langton, it will appear, that property was purchased by the moneys derived therefrom, producing rents to the amount of 148*l.*, which property is therein particularized; and it will also by the said case appear that other moneys, resulting to the said charity, were laid out in stock to the amount of 2,225*l.* 6*s.* 3 per cent. consols, producing the yearly dividend of 66*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.*, making together with the above rents a total annual income of 214*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* The mode of distribution also is set forth in the statement above referred to, in which distribution the parish of Saint Philip and Saint Jacob appears to have had their share. This charity does not pass through the churchwardens' hands, and consequently does not appear in their accounts.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 180.

JOHN HARFORD'S GIFT.

UNDER the gift of Mr. John Harford, the Parish of Saint Philip and Saint Jacob, including the in and out parts of it, have become entitled to an annual sum of 5*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*, arising out of certain houses in the city, the title to which houses is deduced in page 20 of the old parish donation book, by which it appears that John Taylor, for 105*l.*, paid by John Harford, baker, conveyed to him in fee by a deed, dated 11th January, 1665, the several yearly fee-farm rents of 44*s.*, 40*s.*, and 31*s.* 4*d.*, which had been reserved by Sir George Snigge, to whom the said premises had formerly belonged; and in the same old donation book, it appears that the said John Harford, by his will, dated 22d March, 1674, conveyed the same chief-rents to sixteen or more inhabitants of the parish of Saint Philip and Saint Jacob, as feoffees thereof, to the intent that the same rents should yearly, for ever, be bestowed, one moiety to the poor within Lawford's Gate, and the other moiety thereof to the poor without Lawford's Gate.

These rents are deduced by mesne conveyances to Robert Smith and others, as feoffees thereof, by indentures of lease and release, dated 25th and 26th June, 1792, of whom John Lewis, Thomas Nutt, John Sartain, James Robert Fletcher, Christopher Northcote, Samuel Ford Whittingham, James Whittingham, James Whitford, Walter Brown, William Jackson, and Thomas Jones, are living.

These ground-rents are regularly received from the possessors of the houses respectively charged therewith; and a moiety, being 2*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*, belonging to the in-parish, is accounted for, as being included in the general expenditure for clothing and other necessaries for the poor at Christmas.

THE CHARITIES OF THOMAS FARMER AND WILLIAM CURTIS.

THE church board states the gifts of the above two persons, without any date to either, in the following terms:—

"Mr. Thomas Farmer gave 50*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor, for ever."

"Mr. William Curtis gave 50*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor, for ever."

The only other document which could be produced, with respect to these gifts, was one of the deeds of feoffment to new parish trustees, dated 26th June, 1792, of a ground-rent of 5*l.*, payable by the corporation, in respect of a house, situate in Baldwin-street, which house appears, by the same instrument, to have been purchased with the above two gifts of 50*l.*, and to have been conveyed by the parish feoffees to the corporation, with a reservation of 5*l.* per annum in perpetuity, upon the same.

The corporation regularly pays this 5*l.* per annum, by the hands of the chamberlain, to the churchwardens of the parish, and the same is regularly brought to account, as to one half, (being 2*l.* 10*s.*), in the above-mentioned donation book, the other moiety being paid to the churchwardens of the out-parish. The receipt of the same regularly appears on the debit side of the account in the said book, and the expenditure is included among other moneys laid out at Christmas, upon the poor, principally in clothing.

WILLIAM BURROUGHS'S GIFT.

The old church-board makes mention of Burroughs's gift, without date, in the following terms:—

"Mr. William Burroughs gave 20*s.* per annum to the poor, for ever."

This annual sum of 20*s.* arises out of premises situate in the Old Market-street, Bristol, on which several tenements stand, in the possession of Richard Lambert, or his under tenants. It appears that, when Mr. Lambert purchased this property at auction, the particulars omitted to state that they were subject to this annual payment, under the will of William Burroughs, in consequence of which Mr. Lambert hesitated to pay the annuity until an allowance was made to him in the purchase money; but upon his being satisfied in this respect, he covenanted with the feoffees of the parish, by an indenture, dated 29th September, 1816, now in the parish chest, in the margin of which is a plan of the premises charged with the payment of the sum of 20*s.*, to continue to pay the same upon the trusts of the said will.

This annual sum of 20*s.*, so left by William Burroughs, is applied in weekly bread and regularly brought to account.

EDWARD COX'S GIFT.

Edward Cox, by his will, dated 20th July, 1627, gave and devised to the feoffees of the parish lands, their heirs and assigns, an annuity of 4*l.* to be issuing out of his then dwelling-house, in the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob; to hold the same, to the intent and purpose that the said annuity should from time to time be paid unto the churchwardens of the same parish, for the time being, who should cause eight sermons every year to be preached in the said parish church, two in every quarter of a year, upon some Sabbath day that should be most convenient, the preachers thereof to have 10*s.* for every sermon, the same to be preached by the vicar of the said parish for the time being, if a sufficient preacher; and, if otherwise, by any sufficient preacher, to be appointed by the churchwardens of the said parish for the time being.

The premises so charged with this payment, by the said Edward Cox, is a part of the property in the Old Market-street, so purchased by Richard Lambert, as mentioned

above, and which he, by the deed referred to in the preceding case, subjected to the payment of this annual 4*l*., to the minister of the parish, for preaching the four sermons.

Mr. Day, the vicar of the parish, receives the 4*l*. himself from Mr. Lambert, before whose time it was paid by Mr. Randolph, his predecessor in the premises.

The Rev. William Day attended, and stated that he received this annual payment of 4*l*. from Mr. Lambert, and regularly preached the sermons directed by the will of Edward Cox.

THOMAS EASTON'S GIFT.

The above-mentioned deed of covenant, so given by Richard Lambert as aforesaid, to the feoffees of the parish, recites also a donation by Thomas Easton, otherwise Eston, of an annual sum of 3*s*. 4*d*., which had been given to, or was then vested in, the said feoffees, in trust for the poor of the said parish, and which had been charged upon, or was issuing out of, the said premises, or a part thereof, but gives neither the date of the instrument, nor any further particulars respecting its contents: the charge, however, is thereby continued, together with the said other annuities, upon the premises in Old Market-street.

This sum of 3*s*. 4*d*. has been regularly paid to the churchwardens, and is included in the distribution of clothes and other necessaries, about Christmas, to the poor.

PAUL ORCHARD'S GIFT.

Paul Orchard, late of the city of Bristol, by his last will, dated 24th July, 1800, and a codicil thereto, dated 2d December, 1803, directed certain persons therein named to pay to the churchwardens, for the time being, of the in and out-parishes of St. Philip and St. Jacob, the sum of 100*l*. each, to be by them and their successors lent out and advanced, in sums not exceeding 20*l*. to each person, on having proper bond security, with not less than two sufficient sureties, to be approved of by the churchwardens and vestry of the said parishes, or any five of them, to five honest and industrious young persons belonging to the said parish, either men or women, without charging any interest for the same, for the term of seven years, either to single persons, or on their marriage, to assist and put them in some way or calling of business.

Each of the said parishes has received 90*l*. on account of this legacy; and it appears by the Donation Book, that this money has been constantly lent out to five persons, young tradesmen or mechanics of the in-parish, and to the same number of the same description of the out-parish, in sums of 18*l*. each, without interest, on taking bond, with sufficient sureties, from each person.

HENRY WHITEHEAD'S CHARITY.

No account could be given of the origin of this gift, further than what appears on the church table, which is to the following effect:—

"1723. Henry Whitehead, Esquire, sometime mayor, and alderman of this city, gave 40*l.*, the profit thereof to be disposed of by the churchwardens, to the poor housekeepers of the in-parish, not receiving alms, on Candlemas-day, yearly, for ever.

There being no accounts of an earlier date than 1745, the actual receipt of this sum could not be shown, nor could it be with certainty stated how the money had been secured; but that sum, and a great many others, may probably have been at one time treated as a charge upon the church lands, or general parish estate; for we find by the books, that a sum of 340*l.*, composed of charity moneys, was, at one time, left to depend upon that security. In the year 1792, or somewhere about that time, this 340*l.* was taken from that security, and afterwards invested in the purchase of navy five per cents. Other sums, arising from charitable donations, were also from time to time laid out in the purchase of government stock; and it appears from the accounts that the parish was, at one time, in possession of a sum of 958*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.* stock, wholly derived out of charitable donations.

The progress of this accumulation of stock was as follows;—the 340*l.* so called in in 1792, was invested, in 1793, in the purchase of stock in the five per cents. In 1795 some other charity moneys standing out on private securities were called in, amounting to 199*l.* 5*s.* which was also invested in navy five per cents. In the year 1806, or 1807, a fresh sum, arising in the same way, was laid out so as to raise the amount of stock in the same funds to 927*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* In the subsequent year, the last remaining sum that was out upon private or parish security was called in, and laid out in the five per cents., making the amount of the charity property in that stock, 958*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.* The total amount of what was thus from time to time laid out in the navy fives was 970*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* Upon the paying off the five per cents., that sum was transferred into the new fours, producing, with the bonus, an interest of 40*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* This interest is considered by the parish as the fund out of which they satisfy the above donation of Whitehead, and the several succeeding donations, which, upon comparing the amounts, it will be found adequate to effect, except the small deficiency of 2*s.* 10*d.* if four per cent. is taken as the interest upon each of them, the amount of the total interest of the donations, calculated at that rate, being 40*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*

The list of the several names of the donors whose gifts are consolidated in the purchase of the above-mentioned stock, with the amount of those several gifts, and the interest upon them respectively, taken at four per cent., here follows in the order in which they will be severally reported:—

DONORS.	Sum given. £	s.	d.	Interest at £4. per Cent. £	s.	d.
Henry Whitehead	40	0	0	1	12	0
Samuel Hale	10	0	0	0	8	0
Jeremy Holway	30	0	0	1	4	0
Sir William Cann	25	0	0	1	0	0
John Lawford	50	0	0	2	0	0
William Scott	10	0	0	0	8	0
Elizabeth Pitts	20	0	0	0	16	0
Edward Terrell	50	0	0	2	0	0
Dr. Sherman	9	10	0	0	7	9
Walter Stephens	56	0	0	2	4	9½
Herbert Vaughan	10	0	0	0	8	0
Isaac Davis	50	0	0	2	0	0
John Edwards	50	0	0	2	0	0
Timothy Parker	5	0	0	0	4	0
William Whittington	100	0	0	4	0	0
William Jackson	50	0	0	2	0	0
Christian Blackburn	25	0	0	1	0	0
Edward Tilley	25	0	0	1	0	0
William Vigor	20	0	0	0	16	0
Captain James Smith	12	10	0	0	10	0
Alice James	10	0	0	0	8	0
James Oswald	10	0	0	0	8	0
Gilbert Barcroft	40	0	0	1	12	0
Ann Taylor	100	0	0	4	0	0
Samuel Stokes	100	0	0	4	0	0
Mary Blagdon	100	0	0	4	0	0
£	1,008	0	0	40	6	6½

It has above appeared, that the total amount of the capital of all the charities so understood to have been invested in the purchase of stock was 1,008*l.*, and that the amount of what was actually so invested was 970*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*; but, as a Mr. Robert Witherell, who died about five or six years ago, was answerable as churchwarden to the donation account for 30*l.* 13*s.* 1½*d.* deficiency, as appears by his accounts in the year 1774; and as there are some other small sums to be made good by the churchwardens of this parish for some few years back, which may be about 20*l.*, the difference between the amount in sterling money of the capital of all these charities, and the above-mentioned sum so actually invested, may be thus fully made up; and, when those additional sums are invested, the interest of the money in the funds will be found to cover the interest of the capital of all the charities, calculated at four per cent.

Mr. James William Chadwick, a solicitor, at Long Ashton, attended on the part of

Miss Mary Witherell, of Bridgewater, the surviving executrix of the late Mr. Witherell, and undertook, out of assets in his hands belonging to Mr. Witherell's estate, as the agent of Miss Witherell, to pay the above-mentioned deficiency of 30*l.* 13*s.* 1½*d.*, together with 1*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* which appears to have been applied by Mr. Witherell as a compensation to himself for making the rates, and the expences incidental thereto, which two sums amount together to 32*l.* 8*s.* 3½*d.*

This sum has been paid to the churchwardens, and is intended to be invested together with the other funded property. The former churchwardens, above alluded to, have agreed to pay back the sums so retained and appropriated by them in respect of their trouble and expenses in making the rates.

It appears by the accounts on the disbursement side, that 2*l.* per annum has been assigned in satisfaction of Whitehead's gift of 40*l.*, the same being distributed among eight poor people, at 5*s.* each, whose names are regularly entered.

SAMUEL HALE'S CHARITY.

Church Table.—"1666, Mr. Samuel Hale gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor weekly, in bread, for ever; and also the interest of 230*l.*, towards placing apprentices of poor children of seven parishes in the city, yearly, for ever, of which this parish is one."

The above statement on the table agrees with the extract of Samuel Hale's will, as may be seen by referring to the report of his charity to the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, [*see* Seventh Report, p. 219.]* For a full account of that part of his will which relates to the placing out apprentices, in the report of Samuel Hales's charity, we may refer to the charities of Saint James's parish, [Ninth Report, p. 418]†

This is a part of the said purchased stock [*see* the last case], and must be considered as satisfied in the weekly bread charities, on account of which a sum of 13*l.* appears as an annual item in the churchwarden's books.

JEREMY HOLWAY'S GIFT.

The board, in respect of this charity, runs thus:—

"1685.—Mr. Jeremy Holway, of this city, merchant, gave 30*l.*, the profit to the poor of the in-parish, yearly, for ever."

This sum is understood to have been included in the money laid out in stock, and to be satisfied inclusively in the general Christmas donations.

* *Vide* vol. ii. p. 79. † *Vide* vol. i. p. 434.

SIR WILLIAM CANN'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1687, Sir William Cann gave 100*l.*, to four parishes in this city, whereof this parish hath a quarter part, the profit thereof to be distributed to the poor the 8th of January, for ever."

The application of this charity must be looked for in the general distribution at Christmas. It forms a part of 958*l.* new four per cents.

JOHN LAWFORD'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1668, John Lawford, Esq., some time mayor and alderman of this city, gave 50*l.*, the profit to the poor of this parish, yearly, in bread, for ever."

The above table appears to be erroneous in stating this bread to be distributed yearly, as it will be seen by reference to the extract of the will inserted in the account of Lawford's and Warren's charities, in the report of the Temple charities, [*see* Ninth Report, p. 460], by which will it was directed to be distributed among the poor every Lord's day until the same should be laid out in the purchase of lands; which it is presumed was never done.

This is also a part of the money answered by the stock, and must be held to be satisfied, if at all, in the weekly distribution of bread.

WILLAM SCOTT'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1689, Mr. William Scott gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor of the in-parish, yearly, for ever."

This is a part of the above-mentioned stock, and the application is included in the distribution at Christmas.

ELIZABETH PITT'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1689, Mrs. Elizabeth Pitts, widow, of this parish gave 20*l.*, the profits thereof to the poor of the in-parish, yearly, for ever."

The same account may be given of this charity, both as to its investment and application, as the last.

EDWARD TERRELL'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—" 1690, Mr. Edward Terrell gave 50*l.*, the profit of it to the poor of the in-parish, for ever."

This is the same as the last, both as to the investment and application.

DR. SHERMAN'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—" 1692, Doctor Sherman gave 9*l.* 10*s.*, the profit to the poor of this parish, for ever."

The same as the last, both as to its investment and application.

WALTER STEPHEN'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—" 1695, Mr. Walter Stephen, of this parish, gave 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per annum, to be distributed in bread, to the poor of the in-parish, weekly, for ever."

The churchwarden's accounts, now extant, begin with the year 1745, the previous accounts having been lost; and from that date to the year 1752, a Mr. Worgan and Mr. Liston, or Lisson, appear, between them, to have paid the sum of 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* of that sum being paid by Mr. Worgan, and 2*l.* by Mr. Liston. From the year 1760, or 1761, Mr. Worgan continued to pay the 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; but in that year Mr. Liston's payment of 2*l.* seems to have dropped, and no subsequent statement is found in the books; which is to be thus accounted for. In that year the Act passed for pulling down the old bridge, and rebuilding it; upon which occasion, the house charged with the 2*l.* was taken down; and the sum of 56*l.* appears, by the accounts, to have been received by way of compensation. This 56*l* was invested, together with other sums, in the funds, and must be understood to form a part of the stock, originally in the five per cents., and now in the new fours, constituted of the donation money.

We find that Mr. Francis Tozer now makes the payment of 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, stated in the book to have been paid by Mr. Barry Worgan.

The premises formerly possessed by Mr. Worgan, and which were subject to the payment of 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, were sold by him to a Mr. Tozer, who left the property between the present Mr. Francis Tozer, his brother, and sister. After the father's death, the brothers and sister, by a deed of partition, divided the property, each agreeing, upon this occasion, to satisfy a proportion of the annual charge of 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* The distinct parts of the property belonging to the sister and one of the brothers, deceased, have devolved upon a person of the name of Burleigh, and a Mrs. Williams, a widow. Burleigh pays 10*s.* as his part, and the widow 9*s.*, to the said Francis Tozer, who answers for the whole to the parish. The property is situate in a court going out of Thomas-street, called Plough-court, in the parish of St. Thomas, consisting of two front houses, in the street, at the entrance of the court, and some tenements at the back of them in the court.

This annual sum of 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* is applied inclusively, in the annual Christmas donations we have above alluded to, and likewise the interest answering to the said 56*l.* so invested.

HERBERT VAUGHAN'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1701, Herbert Vaughan, Esq., gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor of the in-parish, for ever."

Invested in the same manner as the last, and interest included in the distribution at Christmas.

ISAAC DAVIS'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1705, Isaac Davis, Esq., some time sheriff of this city, gave 50*l.*, the profit thereof to be given to the poor of this in-parish, in bread, weekly, for ever.

Same investment and application as in the preceding case.

JOHN EDWARDS'S CHARITY.

JOHN EDWARDS, by his will, dated 17th June, 1707, gave and bequeathed unto Henry Whitehead, Esq., and others, all of the city of Bristol, and to the churchwardens of the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, within the city of Bristol, for the time being,

the sum of 50*l.* upon trust, that they and the persons to be from time to time elected, as thereinafter appointed, should put the same out at interest, and pay and apply the same to and amongst ten poor housekeepers, living within the said parish, on the 27th January, yearly, for ever; with a power for the survivors, together with the churchwardens for the time being, to fill up vacancies in the trust occasioned by death, from among the substantial inhabitants of the said parish.

We do not find any item in any of the books of the receipt of this particular sum. It has been invested as the foregoing, but not applied with any specific reference in the books to the special direction of the donor. It may be considered as satisfied in the general Christmas distribution.

TIMOTHY PARKER'S GIFT.

Church Table.—"Mr. Timothy Parker gave 5*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor, in bread, yearly, for ever."

Invested and applied as in the former cases.

WILLIAM WHITTINGTON'S GIFT.

William Whittington, by his will, dated 3d June, 1715, gave to the minister and churchwardens of the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob 100*l.*, which he ordered to be laid out in the purchase of lands, in fee, to be so settled, as that the yearly rents thereof might be disposed of by the minister and churchwardens of the same parish, according to their discretion, for the relief of such decayed and poor inhabitants of the same parish, as should not receive other alms or assistance of the said parish.

By a memorandum in the old Donation Book of the parish, it appears that Mr. Whittington's said gift of 100*l.* was paid into the chamber of Bristol, and placed at interest, at the rate of four per cent, for which an instrument under the city seal was given, bearing date 22d November, 1722; and the same for greater security was lodged in the parish chest.

Besides the above document, the parish has no instrument or paper whatever, that can throw any further light upon its investment or application.

If Mr. Whittington's gift has been paid back, which very probably was the case, into the hands of the parish, it must be considered as forming part of the purchased stock, and to have been applied inclusively in the general Christmas distribution among the poor.

WILLIAM JACKSON'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1716, William Jackson, Esq., some time mayor, and alderman of this city, gave 50*l.*, the profit to such poor, in coal, of the in-parish, not receiving alms."

This is invested in the same manner as in the foregoing cases, and its application must be looked for among the Christmas donations.

MRS. CHRISTIAN BLACKBOURNE'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"Mrs. Christian Blackbourne, widow, gave 25*l.* for two sermons on Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday, in the afternoon, yearly, for ever."

The Rev. William Day preaches these sermons, but does not appear to receive any thing under the gift of Christian Blackbourne.

EDWARD TILLEY'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"Edward Tilley, of this city, gave 100*l.* to four parishes, whereof this in-parish hath a quarter part, the profit to be given to the poor, in bread, weekly, for ever."

The investment of this has been like the foregoing, and the application is to be considered as included in the weekly bread distribution.

WILLIAM VIGOR'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1720, Mr. William Vigor of this parish gave 20*l.*, the interest whereof to be given to the poor of the in-parish, in bread, on the 2d of February, yearly, for ever, by the churchwarden of the said parish."

The same investment as before, and the application must be considered as included in the weekly bread distribution.

CAPTAIN JAMES SMITH'S CHARITY

CHURCH TABLE.—"1720, Captain James Smith gave, yearly, for ever, 3*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*, for preaching two sermons, one on the 4th of January, and the other on the 9th of May, and for bread for the poor of the out-parish, yearly, and 25*l.* more to the out-parish, and 12*l.* 10*s.* to the in-parish, the interest whereof to be given yearly, in bread, to poor housekeepers, not receiving alms, at the discretion of the churchwardens, respectively."

The investment and application of the 12*l.* 10*s.* the same as in the former cases.

The vicar receives 15*s.* annually out of the 3*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* from Mr. Shepherd, of Barton-hill, in the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, on whose house it is charged, for which he preaches two sermons, one on the 4th of January, and the other on the 4th of May.

JAMES OSWALD'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1754, Mr. James Oswald, late of the parish of St. Stephen, in this city, soap-maker, gave 10*l.*, the interest thereof to be given in six-penny bread to the poor of the in-parish, not receiving alms, on Candlemas-day, for ever."

The investment and the application the same as in the former case.

GILBERT BARCROFT'S GIFT.

IT appears by an entry in the Donation Book, that "Gilbert Barcroft, of this parish, apothecary, gave 20*l.* to the poor of the in-parish, the interest thereof to be given in six-penny bread, on the 11th day of September, for ever, which said sum was received of the widow Barcroft 17th January, 1754."

This sum of 20*l.*, together with another like sum given to the out-parish, was invested in the purchase of five per cent. stock, and makes a part of the above-mentioned sum of 958*l.* new four per cents.

An annual sum of 1*l.* 16*s.* appears by the books to have been applied, half to the out-parish and half to the in. The half to the in-parish must be considered as making a part of the distribution of weekly bread.

Upon inspection of the accounts, it seems by the items of distribution that enough is applied to cover the charities directed to be specifically distributed in bread.

ANNE TAYLOR'S GIFT.

THE board records that, "in the year 1757, Mrs. Anne Taylor, relict of the Rev. Joseph Taylor, formerly vicar of this parish, gave to the churchwardens of the in-parish 100*l*., the interest thereof to be divided among poor women of the said parish, on the 2d December, yearly, for ever, in manner as by her said will directed."

By an entry in the Donation Book, it appears, that Mrs. Anne Taylor gave 100*l*. to such poor women as usually receive alms-bread, by the proportion of 2*s*. only to every such poor woman, on the 2d December, yearly, for ever.

This sum is included in that which was laid out in the purchase of the above stock, and 4*l*. 10*s*. in reference thereto is annually distributed among poor women, according to the will of the donor.

SAMUEL STOKES'S CHARITY.

SAMUEL STOKES, of the city of Bristol, by his will, dated 15th January, 1767, bequeathed as follows:—

"Item.—I give and bequeath unto the churchwarden of the in-parish of Saint Philip and Jacob aforesaid, the sum of 100*l*., to be placed forth at interest, and the interest of the same to be by him distributed yearly, on the 20th day of March, amongst the poor inhabitants of the same in-parish, for ever."

This 100*l*. makes a part of the above-mentioned sum of 958*l*. new four per cents.; and it appears that 4*l*. 10*s*., in respect of the same, has been applied in bread and money, according to the directions of the donor.

MARY BLAGDON'S GIFT.

MARY BLAGDON, by her will, dated 13th April, 1790, amongst other things, gave to the minister and churchwardens, for the time being, of the parish of St. Philip and Jacob, 100*l*., to be placed out at interest, at the discretion of the said minister and churchwardens, and the interest thereof to be divided annually, unto and amongst such poor widows resident therein, not receiving parish pay, as they respectively should deem the most proper objects.

This 100*l*. makes a part of the above-mentioned 958*l*., in the new four per cents.; and it appears, that 5*l*. in respect thereof has been annually distributed according to the will of the donor, among ten poor widows, at 10*s*. each.

ALICE JAMES'S GIFT.

Alice James, by will, dated 26th January, 1727, gave the sum of 20*l.* to the churchwardens of the parish of St. Philip and Jacob, within the city of Bristol, to be put out at interest, and the interest thereof to be laid out in twelvepenny loaves, and to be distributed to the poor of the said parish not receiving alms, on Christmas-day, yearly, for ever.

By an entry in a book of vestry minutes, dated 19th August, 1751, reciting the will of the said Alice James, in respect to which some doubts had arisen, whether such donation was intended solely for the in-parish, or jointly for the out and in-parish, it was agreed between the vestries of the out and in-parishes respectively, that the interest of the said donation should from time to time be equally divided between the poor of the out and in-parish, as had been accustomed for several years past.

It is to be presumed that, in consequence of this resolution, a moiety of the gift, viz. 10*l.* was paid over to the churchwarden of the out-parish, as we find the entry of a receipt or discharge in the last-mentioned book, given to one of the churchwardens of the in-parish, for Mrs. Alice Jones's (presumed to be James's) 10*l.*

The investment and application the same as in the foregoing cases.

The whole amount of all that the parish receives in the shape of dividends upon the stock so purchased with the charity money, appears by the accounts to be laid out for charitable purposes within the in-parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob either in bread, clothes, money, or such like beneficial applications, allowing for certain disbursements made for repairs, insurance, &c. But the parish officers and vestry have undertaken to begin a more accurate mode of keeping the donation book of accounts, enumerating on the one side every particular donation, and the applications of each of those charities on the expenditure side, with the names of the persons receiving the benefit of the charities given to housekeepers.

The expediency of keeping lists of the persons to be benefited out of these charities; of settling such lists at a vestry meeting, on some day previous to the distribution; and of showing a preference to the wants and distresses of those who have lived respectably and industriously, appears to be fully felt and acknowledged by the persons most engaged in the parish affairs.

OUT-PARISH OF

SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JACOB.

Henry Merritt's Charity.
Barbara Merritt's Charity.
John Brown's Charity.
Nicholas Whiting's Gift.
Captain James Smith's Charity.
Anthony Whitehead's Charity.
The Gifts of William Welch, Daniel Shewring, and John Pitman.
Joseph Colebrook's Charity.
Anonymous Gift.
The Gift of Sir Abraham Elton, Bart.
Captain John Roupe's Gift.

Alice James's Charity,
Dionis Gibbes's Charity.
Gilbert Barcroft's Charity.
Mark Noble's Gift.
Thomas Clement's Charity.
Farmer's and Curtis's Gifts.
John Harford's Charity.
Captain and Mrs. Smith's Sermon and Bread-gifts.
Samuel Perry's Charity.
Sir Abraham Elton's Charity.
Paul Orchard's Gift.

THE CHARITIES OF THAT PART OF THE PARISH OF ST. PHILIP AND ST. JACOB, LYING IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, CALLED THE OUT-PARISH.

BY an act of Parliament passed 38th George III. (1798), reciting a previous act of 24th George II., whereby a part of the out-parish had been separated from the residue, under the name of the parish of St. George, wherein a new church had been built and consecrated; which separation being wholly ecclesiastical, had left the rates and taxes, except the church rates, to be jointly levied and assessed upon the old and new parish; it was enacted, that the parish of St. George, and the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, should each bear its own taxes, as separate and distinct parishes, and independent of each other in all respects. The said act also enacts, that the then workhouse should continue to belong to the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, and that a new workhouse should be built for the parish of St. George. It also contained a clause for separating the charities then belonging to the out-parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, and the parish of St. George jointly, whereby it was enacted, that the same charities or benefactions, except the charity called Sir Abraham Elton's charity, should, from and after the 1st day of May, 1801, be apportioned and divided between the said two parishes, in manner following, viz.; that the sum of 220*l.*, part of the sum of 325*l.* (being the amount of the charities consisting of entire sums) should for ever thereafter belong to the poor of the parish of St. George, in lieu of all their share, right, and interest, in and to the whole of the same charities or benefactions, except the said charity called Sir Abraham Elton's charity, and that the said sum of 220*l.* should accordingly be paid to the vicar and churchwardens of the parish of St. George, and remain vested in them, and their successors (who were for that purpose constituted a corporation), in trust, to be by them placed out in the public funds, or upon mortgage of estates of inheritance, and that the interest and profits thereof should be received by them, and distributed to and amongst the poor of the said parish of St. George, in the same manner as their share of the annual income of the whole of the said charities usually had been and were liable to be applied and distributed; and that the sum of 105*l.*, the residue of the said sum of 325*l.*, and all the donations, consisting of annual rents or sums, amounting together to the sum of 17*l.* 15*s.* per annum, or thereabouts, were the same more or less, should for ever belong to the poor of the said out-parish of St. Philip and Jacob, in lieu of their share in the whole of the same charities or benefactions, and that the same should remain vested in the vicar and church-

wardens of the said out-parish, and their successors for the time being (thereby constituted a corporation for that purpose), in trust, to continue the said sum of 105*l.* at interest in their names, in the purchase of stock in the government funds, or upon mortgage of estates of inheritance, and to apply and dispose of the annual interest and dividend thereof and also the said several small annual rents or sums, amounting as aforesaid, to and among the poor of the said out-parish, in the same manner as their share of the annual income of the whole of the said charities had been usually applied; the said division between the two parishes being as fair and equal a division as could be made, regard being had to the extent of the said parishes, and the number of their poor respectively; and it was further enacted, that the annual income or profits of the said charity, called Sir Abraham Elton's charity, should continue to be divided between the said two parishes, in the same proportions as the same had been divided, viz.; ten equal 17th parts, to be applied to teaching poor children to read, in the said out-parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob; and the remaining seven 17th parts to be applied to teaching poor children to read, in the said parish of St. George, respectively, according to the true intent of the donor.

The donation book of the out-parish contains an extract from the said Act to the above effect, followed by a list of the different money-donations, making up the sum of 325*l.* as in the said Act is stated; and also of the said annual sums or rents referred to in the said Act, making the annual amount of 17*l.* 14*s.*, being 1*s.* short of the amount stated in the Act. The same list includes the gifts of Sir Abraham Elton and Paul Orchard.

In pursuance of the said Act, 220*l.* of the said sum of 325*l.* was paid to the parish of Saint George, and 105*l.* to the minister and churchwardens of the said out-parish of Saint Philip and Saint Jacob, which latter sum has been since invested in the purchase of 155*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* in the three per cent. consols, in the names of the minister and churchwardens of the same out-parish. The interest of that stock has been received through the bank of Miles, Harford and Co., being 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* The application of this income will appear in the account next hereinafter given of the several charities belonging to the out-parish of Saint Philip and Saint Jacob.

HENRY MERRITT'S CHARITY.

Church Table.—"1692, Henry Merritt, late of this city, sheriff, gave 50*l.*, the profit thereof weekly, in bread, to the poor of the out-parish, for ever."

The interest of the stock purchased with the 105*l.*, the share of the 325*l.* so allotted to the out-parish of Saint Philip and Saint Jacob, as mentioned above, is 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Out of that interest, an annual sum of 2*l.* is paid to the minister, in satisfaction of gift sermons, for which this parish is made answerable. The remainder, being 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, is distributed to the poor of the out-parish, in weekly bread, which must be considered as comprising the application of that parish's proportion of the above charity.

BARBARA MERRITT'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1701, Barbara Merritt, widow, gave 30*l.*, the profit yearly to the poor of the out-parish, for ever."

The application of this charity has been also in weekly bread, and is explained by the preceding case.

JOHN BROWN'S CHARITY.

SEE the copy of the church table among the charities of the in-parish, by which it appears, that in 1692, "John Brown, labourer, gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor of this parish, for ever."

Of the application of the proportion of the above donation, assigned to the out-parish by arrangement with the in-parish, the case of Henry Merritt, above reported, will afford the explanation.

NICHOLAS WHITING'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1709, Nicholas Whiting, of this parish, gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor of the out-parish, for ever."

Same account as of the last case.

CAPTAIN JAMES SMITH'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1720, Captain James Smith gave yearly, for ever, 3*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* for preaching two sermons, one on the 4th of January, and the other on the 9th of May, and for bread for the poor of the out-parish, yearly; and 25*l.* more to the out-parish, and 12*l.* 10*s.* to the in-parish, the interest whereof to be given yearly, in bread, to poor housekeepers not receiving alms, at the discretion of the churchwardens respectively."

The above annual sum of 3*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* will be accounted for, in explaining the application of the yearly sum of 17*l.* 14*s.*, consisting of the before-mentioned annual rents.

With respect to the sum of 25*l.* given for bread to the poor of the out-parish, and which makes a part of the 325*l.*, we may refer for the explanation to Henry Merritt's charity, already noticed.

ANTHONY WHITEHEAD'S CHARITY.

Church Table.—"1725, Mr. Anthony Whitehead, of this parish, gave 20*l.*, the profit to eight poor housekeepers of the out-parish not receiving alms, on the first day of May, yearly, for ever."

This, and the several cases which follow in a series, and which may be best understood by recurring to Henry Merritt's charity, will be distinguished by a mere note of reference.

THE GIFTS OF WILLIAM WELSH, DANIEL SHEWRING, AND JOHN PITMAN.

Church Table.—"1728, William Welsh, Daniel Shewring, and John Pitman, gave 20*l.*, the profit to poor householders of the out-parish, on the 8th March, yearly, for ever, not receiving alms."

Vid. sup. Henry Merritt's Charity.

JOSEPH COLEBROOK'S CHARITY.

Church Table.—"1729, Joseph Colebrook gave 20*l.*, the profits thereof to be distributed to the poor of the out-parish of St. Philip and Jacob, in bread, on the 16th October, yearly, for ever."

Vid. sup.

ANONYMOUS GIFT.

On the 23d October, 1751, Mr. John Chivers, then churchwarden, received a letter of that date, from a person signing by the name of Fontanella, inclosing a bill for 20*l.*, and desiring that its principal might be annexed to the public stock, for the service of the poor in the out-parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob.

Vid. sup.

THE GIFT OF SIR ABRAHAM ELTON, BART.

Sir Abraham Elton, by his will dated 26th October, 1727, gave the sum of 50*l.*, which he willed should be paid to the churchwarden of the out-parish of St. Philip and Jacob, to be by him put forth at interest, and the interest therefrom to be by the said churchwarden for the time being, for ever, on their account day, distributed as follows; to wit, 20*s.* part thereof to the minister of the parish for preaching on that day, and the residue thereof to be equally divided between ten poor housekeepers of the out-parish, not receiving alms, for ever.

The 20*s.* are included in the annual sum before mentioned in Henry Merritt's case, to be paid to the minister; with respect to the residue, we may refer as before.

CAPTAIN JOHN ROUPE'S GIFT.

Church Table.—"1734, Captain John Roupe, of this parish, merchant, gave 20*l.* to the churchwardens for the time being out of the out-parish, the profit thereof to be given to the poor of the said parish in bread, on 27th August, yearly, for ever."—*Vid. sup.*

ALICE JAMES'S CHARITY.

Church Table.—"1727, Mrs. Alice James gave 20*l.*, the interest thereof to be given in twelvepenny bread to the poor of this parish not receiving alms, on Christmas-day, yearly, for ever."

This gift of 20*l.* was to the parish generally; but, by a resolution passed at vestry before the Act for dividing the parish of Saint George from the out-parish, 10*l.* was allotted to the in-parish, and 10*l.* to the out-parish. As to the application of the part assigned to the out-parish, *vid. sup.*

DIONIS GIBBES'S CHARITY.

Church Table.—"1738, Mrs. Dionis Gibbes, in memory of her brother William Harrington Gibbes, merchant, of this city, gave 50*l.*, the profits thereof to be disposed of

as follows :—20*s.* to the minister, to preach a sermon on the 28th of September, in the afternoon, but, if on a Sunday, the day following; and the remainder to be distributed by the churchwardens in bread to the poor of the out-parish on the same day, yearly, for ever." *Vid. sup.*

GILBERT BARCROFT'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—" 1754, Gilbert Barcroft, Sen., gentleman, apothecary, of this parish, born September 11, 1686, O.S., and died January 11, 1754, gave to the poor of the parish 40*l.*, the interest thereof to be given to poor housekeepers on September 11th, in sixpenny bread, by the churchwardens, for ever."

This charity, though existing at the time of the Act of Parliament, does not make a part of the 325*l.* divided between the out-parish and the new parish of Saint George; but it was invested, as has been stated in the inquiry into the charities of the in-parish, in the 5 per cents., together with their own 20*l.*, the whole amount of the gift having been 40*l.* The stock so bought produced 1*l.* 16*s.* annually, as its dividend; one-half of which, being 18*s.*, has been always received by this parish from the in-parish, and is a constituent part of the above-mentioned annual sum of 17*l.* 14*s.*, which is laid out in bread, the amount and distribution of which appears in the accounts.

MARK NOBLE'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1767, Mr. Mark Noble gave 20*l.*, the interest thereof to be given to the poor of the out-parish, yearly."

This sum used to be lent out on private security at 5 per cent., and is treated as an annual sum of 1*l.* going into the composition of the 17*l.* 14*s.*

George Hodgson, who was churchwarden in 1810, received the money, which he retained until he became bankrupt, in 1819, to which time he continued to pay the interest.

The sureties have not been called upon yet to make good the principal; but as the churchwarden, after the expiration of his office, was permitted to pay the interest for some years, there may be a difficulty as to the right of recovery against the bondsmen, one of whom only is solvent.

We are given to understand, however, that the vestry will provide for this annual payment out of the parish stock, in case they cannot recover the principal.

THOMAS CLEMENT'S CHARITY.

CHURCH TABLE.—"Mr. Alderman Clement gave 30*s.* per annum to the poor of the out-parish, and 10*s.* for a sermon the 1st day of January, for ever."

See the deed by which Thomas Clement's charities are settled upon the several parishes therein mentioned, of which the out-parish of Saint Philip and Saint Jacob is one, bearing date 20th April, 1821, reported among the charities of Saint James's parish, [9th Report, p. 405.]*

In the year 1802, 9*l.* on account of arrears was accepted by the parish from the proprietor of the premises charged, as a compromise; the liability being disputed on a ground afterwards given up.

Mr. Samuel Slowley is the present proprietor, who continues to pay the whole annual sum. The 10*s.* to the minister was always regularly paid.

What is above said of the application of the yearly aggregate sum of 17*l.* 14*s.*, is inclusive of the 30*s.*, part of the above annuity of 2*l.*

FARMER'S AND CURTIS'S GIFTS.

SEE the report of the cases belonging to the in-parish, for the full statement of these charities.

The annual sum of 5*l.*, the amount of these two charities, is equally divided between the in and out-parishes.

The 2*l.* 10*s.*, received by the out-parish, is included in the application of the 17*l.* 14*s.* above mentioned.

JOHN HARFORD'S CHARITY.

THIS charity is fully set forth in the charities of the in-parish.

The rents, amounting to 5*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*, are shared between the in and out-parish; and the moiety coming to the out-parish, being 2*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*, is applied in the same way as the last-mentioned charity.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 416.

CAPTAIN AND MRS. SMITH'S SERMON AND BREAD GIFTS.

See the copy of the table above.

The 3*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* is a rent charge arising out of a house on Barton-hill, of which William Shepherd is the proprietor and occupier; 1*l.* 15*s.* is paid to the minister for two sermons, and 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* is disposed of in bread to the poor.

SAMUEL PERRY'S CHARITY.

Samuel Perry, late of Barton Regis, in the county of Glocester, by his will, dated 24th June, 1712, gave and devised as follows:—

"Item. Whereas I am seised of, and well entitled unto, all that close of ground called Hattersall, lying in the said parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, in the said county of Glocester, which I lately purchased to me and my heirs for ever, of William Prigg, late of Westerleigh, in the county of Glocester, and which is now in the holding of Richard Warren Goldsmith, my under-tenant, under the yearly rent of 16*l.* per annum; and whereas I am seised to the use of me, and my heirs, and assigns for ever, of and in all those two dwelling-houses, standing and being in the said parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, in the said county of Glocester, one whereof I now live in, and the other of them is now in the holding of Henry Tongue, my tenant: I give, and bequeath unto my said wife, Ann Perry, the said close of ground called Hattersall, and the said two last-mentioned dwelling-houses; to hold to my said wife and her assigns, during the term of her widowhood, subject to pay my said daughter, Mary Arrowsmith, the said annuity or yearly sum of 20*l.* per annum during her life, or until the said two first-mentioned tenements shall fall and come into her hands, but no longer; and from and after the death or marriage again of my said wife, I give and bequeath the said close of ground called Hattersall, and the said two last-mentioned dwelling-houses, with the appurtenances, unto William Wilcox, and to his heirs and assigns for ever, subject nevertheless, to the payment thereout of the yearly sum of 5*l.* per annum, for ever, clear of taxes and other charges, to the churchwardens of the said parish of Saint Philip and Jacob for the time being, and their successors for ever, to whom I accordingly give the same, in trust, to be by them yearly applied to put out apprentice to some honest tradesman in the city of Bristol one poor child, yearly, for ever, of and belonging to the out-parish of Saint Philip and Jacob aforesaid, whose parents shall not have received other alms; the first payment thereof to be made at the end of the first two years after the said William Wilcox, the son, shall be seised of the said last-mentioned premises by force and virtue of this my will."

And the said testator appointed his wife, the said Anne Perry, sole executrix of his said will, who proved the same on the 20th of June, 1717.

We are given to understand, that, by an arrangement between the proprietors of the land and the houses, the whole of the rent-charge is thrown exclusively upon the houses, which are situate in Lamb's street, in the out-parish of St. Philip and Jacob, being two dwelling-houses, the proprietor of which has continued regularly to pay the rent-charge from the year 1819; but that before that time for a few years, being in difficulties, he had neglected to pay it.

It is not easy to ascertain what arrears are now due, there having been frequent chasms in the accounts from 1804 to 1818. It appears to have been received in 1811, and may have been received in other years; but this cannot now be ascertained for want of accounts previous to the last-mentioned date.

The houses have passed into other hands, and the late owner is considered as quite incapable of paying up what is owing, frequent applications to him having been made in vain. While the rent was in a course of payment, it appears to have been applied in the manner directed by the donor, in apprenticing out poor boys.

SIR ABRAHAM ELTON'S CHARITY.

Sir Abraham Elton, by his will, dated 26th October, 1727, gave and devised a certain close of pasture land, situate and being in or near Gloucester-road, in the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, in the county of Gloucester, with all its appurtenances, unto his sons Abraham and Jacob Elton, and all his grandsons that should be living at his death, and unto Samuel Hunt the elder, Samuel Hunt the younger, Nathaniel Day, Thomas Day, John Thomas, George Whitehead, Peter Young, and Benjamin Fox, being persons having estates in the said parish, and to their heirs and assigns for ever, in trust, to apply the rents and profits thereof, yearly, for teaching poor children to read, such as belong to the out-parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob only; and the testator directed, when the number of the said trustees should be reduced to three, or two, that then the survivors of them should grant the said premises to new feoffees or trustees, twenty at least in number, inhabitants of the said parish, or having estates there, and so *toties quoties*.

By a clause in the Act of Parliament above abstracted, in the first case of the out-pa rish charities, it was provided, that ten 17th parts of Sir Abraham Elton's charity should belong to the out-parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, and the remaining seven 17th parts to the parish of St. George.

The above-mentioned premises were let to a Mr. William Maule, by a lease made in 1821, for 40 years, at the rent of 30*l.* per annum, ten 17th parts of which are appropriated to this parish, and seven 17th parts to the parish of St. George.

Before the separation of the parishes, which took place in the year 1802, it seems that whatever rents and profits were derived from this land were paid to a Mr. Webb,

who had been a considerable benefactor to the parish, in order to be applied by him to the education of the poor; and no doubt is entertained but that Mr. Webb made a proper and useful application of the money; indeed it is generally supposed that Mr. Webb, who was a person of a benevolent disposition, added moneys of his own in order to make up deficiencies. In 1802, the Act for dividing the parishes came into operation, and from that time the tenants were often defaulters, or in arrear for their rents. Between that year and the year 1821, whatever could be collected for rent and arrears was collected by an agent for both parishes, out of which the out-parish received their ten 17ths, and the parish of St. George their seven 17ths. While the guardians of the poor received this money, it was applied towards the general parish poor in the workhouse; but a considerable part of it went in payment of some person for teaching poor children there. In the year 1821, the rent was principally taken up in defraying the expenses of a new feoffment of the charity land, which being now discharged, the rent, at least as far as regards the ten 17ths, the share of this parish, is paid to a Mr. Mountjoy, a school-master, for teaching ten poor boys of the parish to read, who appears to do his duty. He has other children with him, but ten of them are considered as paid for by this charity.

Since our inquiry we have been given to understand, that the vestry has passed a resolution to pay back so much of this charity as has been unduly applied to general parish objects, and to employ such arrears in building or procuring a proper school-room, and strictly effectuating the purposes of the donor, by providing for the sound education of the poor children of the parish;—a determination and design which have appeared to us to be very judicious and honourable.

PAUL ORCHARD'S GIFT.

The table has been exhibited in the charities of the in-parish.

The sum of 200*l.*, was reduced by the legacy-duty to 180*l.*, the half of which, 90*l.*, is in the management of the out-parish, and is lent out to five young tradesmen, without interest, who are always required to give sureties for the repayment.

PARISH OF ST. STEPHEN.

Rent-charge of 33*l.* purchased with moneys derived from the several gifts of John Myner, Robert Sandford, &c.
Alderman Hook's Gift.
Alderman Long's Gift.
Gifts of William Eaton and Mary his wife.
Gifts of Alderman Harrington and Alderman Kitchen.
Francis Gleed's Charity.
Francis Derrick's Gift.
Thomas Weare's Gift.
John Dymer's Gift.
Jeremiah Holloway's Gift.
Elizabeth Dickason's Gift.
John Newman's Gift.
Gifts of William Freke and Thomas Freke, of 50*l.* each.
Joan Ansford's Gift.
Captain John Price's Gift.
Gifts of Mrs. Mary Showell and Captain John Williams.
Isaac Elton's Gift.
Morgan Phillip's Gift.
Captain Arthur Grant's Gift.
James Brown's Gift.
James Couch's Gift.
William Prosser's Gift.
The gifts of Edward Jacob, George Morris, and Walter Rainstorp.
Sir William Cann's Gift.
Cecilia Gunning's Gift.
Mrs. Mary Porter's Gift.
Samuel Gomond's Gift.
Henry Bengough's Charity.
Mrs. Mary Ann Peloquin's Charities.
Dr. Tyson's Sermon Gift.
Alderman Robert Kitchen's Sermon Gift.
Thomas Bower's Gift.

BY referring to a vestry minute of 19th October, 1787, it appears that, at a meeting of the minister and churchwardens, to take into consideration a letter received by the churchwardens from Mr. Gilbert, whereby the minister and churchwardens were requested to inspect and consider the returns made by them to the House of Commons, relative to charitable donations for the benefit of poor persons, and to make good any defects that they could discover therein, the following return was made :—

"Sir, "Bristol, St. Stephen's Vestry Room, 19th October, 1787.

"The minister and churchwardens of this parish having, on a former occasion, exerted themselves to the utmost to get every information, beg leave to observe, upon a re-perusal and a strict consideration of the return then made, that the same is as perfect as they can possibly render it, from the defectiveness of the only materials to which they can have any reference, except the trustees' names, as there set forth.

"The only trustees, in whom moneys are invested for the use of the parish, are the chamber of Bristol, the feoffees of St. Stephen's parish church lands, Boucher and Langton's feoffees, the vestry of St. Stephen's parish, and Gleed's feoffees."

The names of the several trustees were then set forth.

So that it appears, that there was at that time an insufficiency of materials to show the then state of the charities of this parish with the particularity required; but the church tables contain a statement of all the several gifts to the parish, with their dates. The accounts also show that certain rents have been, through a course of years, treated as constituting a specific fund for the satisfaction of the several charities belonging to this parish. On the 10th of July, 1813, a memorial was returned, under the registering act, and which, as it will show what the charities were at that time, and what were in general considered as the estates and premises pledged to the satisfaction of those charities, is here fully set forth.

"Memorial of the charities of the parish of St. Stephen the Martyr, in the city of Bristol, dated 10th July, 1813 :—

"A memorial or statement, in pursuance of an act for the registering and securing of charitable donations, (52 Geo. III., c. 102,) whereby it is declared by us, the undersigned feoffees and trustees of the parish of St. Stephen the Martyr, in the city of Bristol, that the several messuages, lands, tenements, rents, and hereditaments, of and belonging to the said parish, are now vested in us as feoffees or trustees of the said parish, and that the real estates of the said parish, holden by the said feoffees, in trust, for the several charities or charitable foundations hereinafter mentioned, consist of all that fee-farm rent or annual sum of six pounds and ten shillings, issuing and payable out of a certain plot,

piece, or parcel of ground, with the erections and buildings thereon erected and built, now used as a waggon warehouse and premises, and in the occupation of Messrs. Symes, Mitchell, and company, and which were some time since erected and built by John Weeks, of the city of Bristol, aforesaid, vintner, situate, lying, and being within the said city of Bristol, in the parish of St. Peter, in a street there called Narrow Wine-street, between a messuage or tenement heretofore in the tenure or possession of —— Halliday, horn button-maker, but now void on the east part; and a messuage or tenement, formerly in the tenure of the said John Weeks, now called or known by the name or sign of the Mail Coach, and in the tenure of Ebenezer Miller, victualler, on the west part of the said street called Narrow Wine-street, on the north part, and a new halling way leading from the said warehouse and premises into Peter-street; and a messuage or dwelling-house in the occupation of Benjamin Phillips, upholsterer, on the back or south part; and also, all that close of meadow or pasture ground, lying and being in Lawrence Weston, within the parish of Henbury, in the said county of Gloucester, called or known by the name of the Worthies, alias the West Worthies, some time since in the tenure or occupation of one John Batten, or his assigns, afterwards of John Mayner, since that of the widow Edwards, afterwards of Edward Russell, late of Thomas Bowen, and now of William Fripp, gentleman, containing, by estimation, seven acres, (be it more or less,) and which said plot, piece, or parcel of grounds was granted to the said Thomas Bowen, by indenture of lease, bearing date the nineteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seven, for fourteen years, at and under the yearly rent of twenty-one pounds; and also, one other piece or parcel of meadow ground, lying and being in a common meadow called Maddam, in the Long Dole there, in Lawrence Weston aforesaid, in the said parish of Henbury, in the said county of Gloucester, containing, by estimation, one acre and a half, (be it more or less,) heretofore in the tenure of the said John Batten, or his assigns, afterwards of the said John Maynard, since that of the said Widow Edwards, and lately of the said Edward Russell; and also, all that yearly fee-farm rent or sum of thirty-three pounds, being part of a certain yearly fee-farm rent, or sum of forty-eight pounds, issuing and payable for ever out of a certain plot, piece, or parcel of ground, with the messuages or tenements and warehouses, some time since erected and built thereon by Francis Jacques, of Bristol aforesaid, baker, on the west side of a new street called Church-street, leading to the south door of the said parish church of St. Stephen, in the said city of Bristol; and also, all those four messuages or tenements, with two small gardens thereunto belonging, lying behind the same, situate in and fronting Pile-street, in the parish of St. Mary Redcliff, within the suburbs of the said city of Bristol; and also, all that great garden or orchard also fronting Pile-street, and adjoining to the said four messuages or tenements, together with a small tenement thereon standing, formerly a wash-house, which said messuages or tenements, great garden or orchard and premises, are now in the holding or occupation of Thomas Channon, carpenter, his under-tenants or assigns, and contain by admeasurement in front towards Pile-street, aforesaid, seventy-nine feet or thereabouts; and extending backwards in various lengths and widths to a yard and garden belonging to the Angel Inn, and to the back part of other premises belonging to the said parish of St. Stephen, and next hereinafter described, from which it is divided by stone walls; which messuages or tenements, gardens and premises, were granted to the said Thomas Channon by indenture of lease,

bearing date the sixteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, for ninety-nine years; determinable as aforesaid, at and under the yearly rent of five pounds; and also, all that formerly one little garden, with the messuage or dwelling-house thereon, now divided into and used as two messuages or dwelling-houses, situate in and fronting Redcliff, part in the parish of St. Mary Redcliff aforesaid, and extending backwards on the east part thereof to the premises by a stone wall, and bounded on the south by a tenement in the occupation of William Jeffries, brass-founder, and on the north by the Angel Inn aforesaid; which said messuages, or dwelling-houses and premises, were formerly in the holding or occupation of the Widow Lloyd, and Enoch Edwards afterwards, and now of Ann Emery, her assignee or assigns, and were granted to her, the said Ann Emery, by indenture of lease, bearing date the thirty-first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, for ninety-nine years, determinable as aforesaid, at and under the yearly rent or sum of two pounds; and also, all those two messuages or tenements, situate and being in a certain street called New-street, without Lawford's Gate, in the parish of St. Philip and Jacob, in the county of Gloucester aforesaid, heretofore in the several tenures of John Thomas and Edward White, afterwards of Crispin Williams, cooper, and Crumpton, rope-maker, late of Thomas Pratt and Joseph White, and now of William Buffin, his under-tenants or assigns; bounded on the front part thereof by New-street aforesaid, on the south side by a messuage or tenement, in the tenure of David Allen, accountant, and on the north side thereof by a messuage or tenement in the occupation of Sarah Triffin, shopkeeper; which said last-mentioned messuages, or tenements and premises, were granted to the said William Buffin, by Indenture of lease, bearing date the twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, for forty years, renewable as therein mentioned at and under the yearly rent of one pound; and that the gross annual income arising from such real estates, amounts to the sum of sixty-eight pounds and ten shillings. The objects of which charities or charitable foundations, amounting in the whole to the yearly sum of fifty pounds and three shillings, are poor housekeepers, poor widows, poor families not receiving alms, other poor persons not receiving alms, and other poor persons belonging to the said parish of St. Stephen, and which charities or charitable foundations were, according to the best of our knowledge and belief generally founded under the last wills and testaments of the several persons and in the several years following, (that is to say,) John Dymer 1674, Edward Jacob 1676, John Minor 1678, Jeremy Holway 1685, Elizabeth Dickason 1686, George Morris 1687, Sir William Cann 1687, Margaret Abley 1690, Captain Arthur Grant 1701, John Price 1709, Mary Showell 1713, Isaac Elton 1714, Captain Williams 1722, William Prosser 1724, John Newman 1727, William Freake 1731, Thomas Freake 1732, John Couch 1736, James Brown 1738, Joan Ansford 1745, Mary Porter 1745, Morgan Phillips 1747, John Peloquin 1755, Ann White 1756, Robert Sandford 1759, Isaac Hobhouse 1763, Mrs. Sykes 1764, Jane Gundry 1769, Walter Laugher 1762, Elizabeth Evans 1765, Edward Gwatkin 1765, John Heylin 1767, Ann Hart 1766, Celia Gunning 1701, and Walter Ramstorp; and which said charities and charitable foundations were in money, which, together with moneys arising from the sale of certain lands and hereditaments belonging to the said parish of St. Stephen, under and by divers acts of Parliament, and of other moneys applicable to different purposes, were vested in the purchase of the said messuages, lands, tenements, rents, hereditaments, and premises, or some of them,

hereinbefore-mentioned and described, the net and clear rents whereof are applicable as well to the said charities and charitable foundations, so far as the same extend, by such deeds or wills, as to other purposes, belonging to the said parish, several of which said deeds of gift, we believe, have been long since lost; and that the only deeds or papers relating to the said parish concerns are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, deposited in the parish chest, in the vestry-room of the said parish, and the several wills and testaments relating to the said several donations are, to the best of our belief, in the several ecclesiastical courts wherein the same were respectively proved, but which we are unable to set forth; and also, it is further declared by us, the undersigned, that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the personal estate of the several charities or charitable foundations hereinafter mentioned, consists of the yearly sum of twenty-nine pounds and sixteen shillings; the yearly sum of two pounds; the yearly sum of two pounds and twelve shillings, and the yearly sum of one pound and six shillings; the objects of which latter charities or charitable foundations, amounting in the whole to the yearly sum of thirty-five pounds and fourteen shillings, are poor housekeepers, and other poor persons of the said parish of St. Stephen; and which charities and charitable foundations were, according to best of our knowledge and belief, founded by deeds, or last wills and testaments of the several persons, in the several years following (that is to say;) Alderman Kitchen, 1594; Francis Derrick, 1637; Richard Long, 1644; Humphrey Hook, 1659; —— Harrington, 1638; Francis Gleed, 1661; and Thomas Weare, 1685; and by money advanced by former feoffees or trustees of the said parish to the chamber of Bristol; and the only deeds relating to these latter donations are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, in the parish chest, in the vestry-room of the said parish; and the said wills and testaments are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, in the several ecclesiastical courts wherein the same were respectively proved, but which we are unable to set forth; and the moneys constituting the principal sum, from which the said yearly sum of twenty-nine pounds and sixteen shillings is issuing and payable, is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, in the possession of the chamber of Bristol aforesaid; and the said yearly sum of two pounds is payable to our said parish by the feoffees or trustees of the messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments belonging to the parish of All Saints, in the city of Bristol aforesaid, under or by virtue of the will of the said Francis Gleed; and the said yearly sum of two pounds and twelve shillings is payable to our said parish out of premises situate on the Quay, in the city of Bristol aforesaid, charged therewith, to the best of our knowledge and belief, by virtue of the will of the said Francis Derrick; and the said sum of one pound and six shillings is payable to our said parish out of premises situate in the parish of Temple, otherwise Holy Cross, in the city of Bristol aforesaid, charged therewith, to the best of our knowledge and belief, by virtue of the will of the said Thomas Weare. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands, this tenth day of July, in the fifty-third year of the reign of our sovereign lord George the Third, by the grace of God of the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, king, defender of the faith, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen."

It will also tend to elucidation to state the substance of the last conveyance to the parish feoffees.

By an indenture, dated 23d April, 1813, made between John Baily and John Henry

Baily, therein described, of the one part; and the Rev. Edward Colston Grevile, clerk, rector of the parish of St. Stephen, in the city of Bristol, and the other persons therein mentioned, being twenty-three in number, of the other part; setting forth, that by a certain indenture, bearing date 3d June, 1793, and made between the said John Baily and one William Thomas of the one part, and the Rev. Josiah Tucker and others of the other part; they, the said John Baily and William Baily, had granted and conveyed unto the said Josiah Tucker, and others, two several messuages or tenements, in St. Thomas street, in the parish of St. Thomas; a messuage or tenement, situate on St. James's Back, in the parish of St. James; a new-erected messuage or tenement, workshop and lofts over the same, situate on the Quay, in the parish of St. Stephen; one fee-farm rent of 1*l.*, issuing out of a messuage in Fisher-lane, alias St. Stephen-street; a fee-farm rent of 6*l.* 10*s.*, issuing out of buildings lately erected upon a plot of ground situate in Narrow Wine-street, in the parish of St. Peter; a close of meadow, in Lawrence Weston, in the parish of Henbury, called the Worthies, containing seven acres; another piece or parcel of meadow ground, lying in a common meadow, called Maddam, in the Long Dole there, in Lawrence Weston, in the parish of Henbury, containing 1½ acre; a messuage or tenement, formerly used as a poor-house, in Burton's court, in Marsh-street, in the parish of St. Stephen; one garden, called the Great Garden, situate in Pile-street; another garden, called the Little Garden, lying between Redclift Pit and the Great Garden, which two gardens are in the parish of St. Mary Redclift; two messuages in New-street without Lawford's Gate, in the parish of St. Philip and Jacob; a fee-farm rent of 33*l.*, part of a rent of 48*l.*, issuing out of a messuage and warehouses on the west side of Church-street, leading to the south door of St. Stephen's church, being part of the overplus ground, granted by the trustees under St. Stephen's church act, to Francis Jakes, and which said sum of 33*l.*, so payable out of the said sum of 48*l.*, was by indentures of lease and release, dated 19th and 20th December, 1786, purchased by the feoffees of St. Stephen's parish, from the trustees under St. Stephen's church act, with certain moneys, being the amount of several gifts devised to the poor of the said parish, by Messrs. Sandford, Evans, Gwatkins, Heylin, Peloquin, White, Lougher, Hobhouse, Gundry, and Hort, together with the produce of a certain yearly fee-farm rent of 52*s.*, before issuing out of a messuage, called the Cooper's Arms, taken down by the said trustees, for the purposes of the said act; and also, with the produce of six messuages, theretofore lying altogether in Tucker-street, in St. Thomas's parish, purchased, by the trustees of the bridge act, of the feoffees of St. Stephen's parish, to the use of the said Josiah Tucker, and others, their heirs and assigns, upon the trusts following, viz. as touching the said messuage in Burton's court, that, with the clear rent thereof, they, the said feoffees, should yearly, for ever, as the same should suffice, bind the son of some honest seaman, if the same could be found, or some other towardly boy, apprentice to some useful trade; and as to so much of the annual fee-farm rent of 33*l.* as would amount to the interest of one moiety of 264*l.*, the money paid by the bridge trustees for the said six messuages and premises in Tucker-street aforesaid, and invested with other moneys in the purchase of such fee-farm rent of 33*l.*, together with one moiety of the rents of the said premises, situate in the parish of St. Mary Redclift, that they, the said feoffees, should, on the first Friday in the month of every year, for ever, procure a sermon to be preached in the morning of the same day, in the parish church of St. Stephen, by the minister of the parish for the

time being; and, immediately after such sermon, should pay to such minister for preaching the same, one-twelfth equal part of the said interest and rents and profits of the said premises, or as near as the same might be computed, according to the purport of the last will of John Myner, late of Bristol, mariner, who thereby devised the said premises to the intents and purposes above-mentioned: And as to the other moiety of the said premises, being of the purchase of the parishioners of the said parish of Saint Stephen, that the said feoffees should, out of the rents and profits thereof, yearly lay out the sum of 10*s.* in money, in bread, to be distributed among the poor of the said parish of St. Stephen, quarterly, at the four usual quarters, by equal portions, in every year, as the interest and produce of the sum of 10*l.* in money given by Mr. John Dymer, deceased, to the churchwardens and overseers of the same parish; and should also, on St. Thomas's-day, in every year, pay and distribute the like sum of 10*s.* among the poor of the same parish, as the interest or produce of the like sum of 10*l.*, given by Edward Jacob, vintner, to the churchwardens and overseers of the same parish; and should also, yearly, lay out and bestow the sum of 20*s.* in bread, to be distributed among the poor of the same parish, on the second, third, or fourth day of December, as the interest or produce of the sum of 20*l.*, given by the said John Myner, by his said will, to the use of the said parish; and should also, yearly, lay out and bestow the like sum of 20*s.* in bread, and distribute the same among the poor of the parish, on every Good-Friday, as the interest or produce of the sum of 20*l.*, given by Mr. Jeremy Holway, of Bristol, merchant, to the use of the poor of the same parish: And should also, yearly for ever, procure a sermon to be preached in the afternoon of every Whitsunday, in St. Stephen's church, by the minister for the time being, and pay the sum of 10*s.*, as the interest or produce of the sum of 10*l.*, given by Mr. Richard Holland, of Bristol, to the use of the same parish; And should also, every week, lay out and bestow the sum of 9*d.* in bread, to the poor of the same parish, on every Sunday, as the gift of Mr. Thomas Weare: And should also, in every year, bestow the sum of 5*s.* in fourpenny bread, among the poor of the same parish, on the 2d February, as the interest or produce of the sum of 5*l.*, given by Mrs. Elizabeth Dickason, for the use of the poor of the same paaish: And should also, every year, bestow the like sum of 20*s.* in bread, to the poor of the same parish, at Christmas and Easter, for ever, as the interest or produce of the sum of 20*l.*, given by Mr. George Morris, to the use of the poor of the same parish; and the like sum of 25*s.*, in bread, to the poor of the same parish, as the interest and produce of 25*l.*, given by Sir William Cann to the same purpose; the sum of 20*s.*, every year, to and amongst four poor housekeepers not receiving alms, at Christmas, as the interest and produce of 20*l.*, given by Captain Arthur Grant, to the parish, for the purpose aforesaid; 10*s.* in bread, to the poor on the feast of Epiphany, as the interest and produce of the sum of 10*l.*, given by Captain John Price to the same purpose; 10*s.*, in bread to the poor, on the 18th of August, in every year, as the interest and produce of the sum of 10*l.*, given by Mary Showell, to the same purpose; 50*s.*, in bread and coal, to the poor not receiving alms, on the 22d November, in every year, as the interest and produce of 50*l.*, given by Mr. Isaac Elton, merchant, to the use aforesaid; 10*s.* in bread, to the poor, on the 25th of August, in every year, as the interest and produce of the sum of 10*l.*, given by Captain John Williams, to the use last aforesaid; 20*s.*, to a poor family of the same parish, having more than one child, and not receiving alms, on the 16th of August, in every year, as the interest and produce of 20*l.*, given

by Mr. William Prosser, to the use last mentioned; 26*s.* in bread, to the poor of the same parish, weekly, for ever, as the interest and produce of 26*l.*, given by Mr. John Newman, to the use last mentioned; and, as touching all and every the messuages, lands, tenements, rents, hereditaments, and premises, thereby granted and conveyed, other than what related as aforesaid, to certain parts of the said messuages, gardens, and premises, in Burton's-court and St. Mary Redcliff parish, and the fee-farm rent of 33*l.*, therein-before mentioned, to be purchased by the feoffees of the said parish of St. Stephen, with the money arising from the sale of the premises in Tucker-street, to the end and intent, that all the rents and profits thereof should be from time to time, and at all times thereafter, duly used and bestowed for and towards the maintenance and reparations of the parish church of Saint Stephen, and the relief of the poor of the same parish; and, lastly, should lay out and expend all and every sum and sums of money, estate and estates, thereby particularized, which the said parish then was, or should at any time be thereafter, entitled to, by any will or deed whatsoever, in such manner, and agreeably to the directions of such will or deed as might appear; and reciting, that the said Josiah Tucker, and others, had died, leaving the said Edward Colston Grevile, and the other persons therein mentioned, surviving, some of whom had quitted the parish, so as to make it inconvenient to procure their signatures, on which account it had been resolved to make a new conveyance; they, the said Edward Colston Grevile, and others, did release and confirm unto the said John Baily and John Henry Baily, all [the said premises above-mentioned and referred to, and all other the messuages, tenements, and hereditaments which were then vested in them, as surviving feoffees; to hold the same to and to the use of them, the said John Baily and John Henry Baily, upon trust, and to the intent, that they should grant and convey the same unto them the said Edward Colston Grevile, and others, their heirs and assigns, to the uses, intents, and purposes above-mentioned; and reciting further, that by reason of the lapse of time, and the variations occasioned by the said several acts of Parliament, and other circumstances, the gifts and benefactions made to the said parish of St. Stephen, for the benefit of the poor, had undergone divers changes and alterations, and that the fund then applicable to the payment of the same consisted, partly, of some of the said messuages, lands, and tenements, rents and hereditaments, therein before-mentioned, and partly of money vested in securities; and reciting, that the interest-money, arising from several of the gifts and benefactions therein before mentioned, was over-rated in the declarations of the trusts therein before recited, being more than the interest money actually produced by such gifts and benefactions; and that it had been thought expedient to declare the trusts conformably to the actual application of the said messuages, lands, and hereditaments, in manner therein-after-mentioned; It is witnessed, that in consideration of the premises, and for settling and assuring the hereditaments before-mentioned to the uses therein after contained, they, the said John Baily and John Henry Baily, did thereby grant, release, and confirm unto the said Edward Colston Grevile, and others, their heirs and assigns, all those the said several messuages, lands, hereditaments, and premises, by the new description therein contained, showing, that certain houses had been since erected upon the Great and Little Gardens; to hold to and to the use of them, their heirs and assigns, upon trust, and to the intent and purpose, that the rents, issues, and profits of the said messuages, lands, rents, hereditaments, and premises, might be from time to time received, paid, and applied to and for the several good

and charitable uses for which the same were respectively given, devised, purchased, settled, or assured, or such of them as should be subsisting, or capable of taking effect, or as near thereto as change of property, or other intervening circumstances, might from time to time admit; with a provision, that, when the number of trustees should be reduced to five, the five remaining or surviving trustees should convey the premises, so as to vest the same in twenty-four or more of the substantial inhabitants of the said parish of St. Stephen, their heirs and assigns, upon the trusts aforesaid.

It is apprehended, that that deed comprehends a specification of all the hereditaments and premises vested in the feoffees of the parish, both of the church lands, and property in and over which the parish have a general interest and controul, and, also, the hereditaments and premises which have in any way come to the parish, in virtue or in consequence of any charitable donations, and that the trusts declared by that deed distinguish between the church property and charity property, by annexing the trusts for the poor and sermons to that part of the property which comes within the latter description. But there are other gifts of which the parish have the benefit, resting upon securities not vested in the parish feoffees:—£29. 16*s.* is received annually from the chamber of the city, which sum is thus composed. £20. 16*s.* per annum, given by Mr. Humphrey Hook, and secured to this parish by a city bond; an annual sum of 5*l.*, secured also to this parish by a city bond, in consideration of a sum of 100*l.* paid by the parish; 60*l.*, being the gift of Mr. Alderman Long; and 4*l.* per annum from the gifts of Mr. Alderman Kitchen and Mr. Alderman Harrington. Messrs. Osborne and Ward pay 1*l.* 18*s.* per annum, under Francis Gleed's charity, the premises out of which that payment arises being vested in the feoffees of Christ Church. Mr. Grainger pays an annuity of 2*l.* 12*s.* under John Derrick's will; and 1*l.* 6*s.* is paid out of premises in Temple parish, under the will of Thomas Weare.

RENT-CHARGE OF 33*l.* PURCHASED WITH MONEYS DERIVED FROM THE SEVERAL GIFTS OF JOHN MYNER, ROBERT SANDFORD, ELIZABETH EVANS, EDWARD GWATKINS, JOHN HEYLIN, JOHN PELOQUIN, ANN WHITE, WALTER LOUGHER, ISAAC HOBHOUSE, JANE GUNDRY, AND ANN HORT.

JOHN MYNER'S GIFT.

The church board, which is very ancient, thus records this charity:—

"1678, Mr. John Myner, of this parish, mariner, gave two tenements, and a cellar, the profit thereof to be employed for binding apprentice seamen's sons, for ever. Also, the moiety of six messuages, a stable, and two gardens, for the maintaining of a sermon, to be preached in this church, the first Friday in every month, for ever; and 20*l.*, the profit thereof to be given in bread to the poor, the beginning of December, yearly, for ever."

The premises first above-mentioned are two tenements, in Burton's-court, otherwise

Swan-court, leading out of Marsh-street, in the parish of St. Stephen, occupied as a warehouse and stable. They are vested in the parish feoffees, being included in the general feoffments, and are let for 99 years, determinable with lives, for a reserved rent of four guineas, and fines upon renewals.

Upon the last lease, dated 29th September, 1814, a fine was received of 26*l.* upon the renewal of one life. In 1801, a lease was made, dated 25th March, in that year, upon which no fine was taken; but it appears that the buildings were in a ruinous condition, and that the lessees entered into engagements to erect a substantial building upon the premises, and to lay out upon the same the full sum of 80*l.*, and to pay a rent of 4*l.* 4*s.* It seems, by entries of an early date in the parish books, that boys were occasionally apprenticed under this will; but, for a considerable time back, the specific objects of this donation have been lost sight of, and the premises have been treated as forming a part of the general church estates.

The vestry have acquiesced in the propriety of making the appropriation of these rents in future correspond as near as may be with the testator's directions, and to cause a distinct and particular account to be kept, as well of this gift, as of all other specific donations to the parish.

The six houses, whereof an undivided moiety was given for the sermon, were taken down under the Bristol bridge act, and the appropriation of the compensation money, amounting to 264*l.*, composed a part of the purchase-money of 33*l.* a year rent-charge, part of a fee-farm rent of 48*l.*, paid for premises in Church-street. The account of the transaction of this 33*l.* rent, involving the above-mentioned sum, so derived out of Myner's charity, and the several gifts of Robert Sandford, Elizabeth Evans, Edward Gwatkins, John Heylin, John Peloquin, Ann White, Walter Lougher, Isaac Hobhouse, Jane Gundry, and Ann Hort, will appear by the following documents:—

By indenture, bearing date 20th December, 1786, between William Jones, and others, of the one part; and the Rev. Josiah Tucker, and others, of the other part; reciting that, by indentures of lease and release, dated 20th and 21st April, 1778, between the said William Jones, and others, by their description of five of the trustees, nominated and appointed by an act of the 14th of his late Majesty, "for making more commodious ways and passages within the parish of St. Stephen, and for enlarging the burial ground of the said parish," of the first part; Francis Jakes, of the second part; and William Lamb, trustee for the said Francis Jakes, of the third part; in which recited indentures of lease and release it was set forth, that, by the said act of Parliament, the trustees therein named should have power to treat with the owners and occupiers of, and all other persons interested in, such of the houses and premises, mentioned in two schedules to the said act, as the said trustees, or any five of them, should judge necessary, to be purchased for the purposes of the act, and to cause such houses and buildings, or so much thereof as should be necessary, to be taken down, and such ground, or so much thereof as should be necessary, be laid into new streets, or otherwise laid out for the improving of any of the present streets, mentioned in the two schedules aforesaid; and, that it was thereby further enacted, that it should be lawful for the said trustees to let, sell, or dispose of, for building, such parts as should not be necessary for the purposes of the said act; and that the moneys arising by the letting or sale of such premises should be applied to the purposes of the said act; and that it should be lawful for the said

trustees to assign or lay out in what manner the new houses or edifices should be erected upon the said overplus ground and premises; and that it has been resolved, that divers messuages and hereditaments, mentioned in the first schedule, should be purchased for the purposes of the said act, which had been accordingly done; and that several messuages so purchased had since been pulled down; but that there being divers lots of overplus ground, on part of which the same had formerly stood, which were not necessary for making the said ways, or enlarging the said burial ground, which lots of ground had been put up for sale, upon which sale the said Francis Jakes had agreed to purchase the parcel of ground thereinafter mentioned, being part of such overplus ground, for building; it was witnessed, that, for the considerations therein mentioned, they the said William Jones, and others, did release and convey unto the said Francis Jakes and William Lamb, all that plot, piece, or parcel of ground, on the west side of the new street, called Church-street, leading to the south door of the said parish church of St. Stephen, being part of the overplus ground which was set forth in a plan endorsed on the said recited indenture, bounded on the southward part thereof by a warehouse and counting-house, belonging to John James, merchant, on the eastward part with the new street called Church-street, on the westward part thereof with houses and buildings, belonging to Alexander Edgar, Esquire, on the northward part with the street called the Quay; and also all buildings standing and being on the said ground thereby conveyed; to hold the same to them, their heirs and assigns, for ever, to and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and under the yearly fee-farm rent of 48*l.*, clear of all taxes and deductions; and reciting, that the said Francis Jakes had, agreeably to his covenant for that purpose, built on the said ground a substantial dwelling-house, warehouse, and premises, for securing the repayment of the fee-farm rent of 48*l.* by such indenture of release reserved; and that the said Josiah Tucker, and others, having in their possession the sum of 1,023*l.*, mostly belonging to the poor, and part to the parish church of St. Stephen aforesaid, had contracted with the said William Jones, and others, trustees as aforesaid, to purchase of them the annual sum of 33*l.*, part of the above-mentioned fee-farm rent of 48*l.*, being at the rate of thirty-one years' purchase, which they, the said William Jones, and others, had agreed to accept, it being after the same rate that they, the said William Jones, and others, were by the said act assessed by Jury, to pay to the said Josiah Tucker, and others, for several fee-farm rents, necessary to be purchased by the said trustees, under the said act, of the said Josiah Tucker, and others, for the purposes of the said act; it is witnessed, that in consideration of the sum of 1,023*l.* by the said Josiah Tucker, and others, paid to the said William Jones, and others, they, the said William Jones, and others, did thereby grant, release, and confirm, unto the said Josiah Tucker, and others, their heirs and assigns, the yearly fee-farm rent or annual sum of 33*l.*, part of the fee-farm rent of 48*l.* as aforesaid; to hold to and to the use of them, their heirs and assigns, for ever.

With covenants for the title.

An extract from the minute book of St. Stephen's parish, dated St. Stephen's vestry room, 18th December, 1786, was endorsed upon the last abstracted indenture, whereby reciting, that at a meeting at the vestry, held on the 12th June, 1783, it was resolved, that the several gifts devised by Messrs. Sandford, Evans, Gwatkins, Heylin, Peloquin, White, Lougher, Hobhouse, Gundry, and Hort, to the use of the poor, should be applied to the purchase of 23*l.* 7*s.* per annum, part of 28*l.* chief-rent, issuing out of

buildings in St. Stephen-street, erected by Mr. Jeremiah Hill, and payable by him to the trustees acting under the act of Parliament made for making commodious ways and passages within the said parish of St. Stephen, and for enlarging the burial ground belonging to the said parish, such several gifts amounting to 620*l.*; as also, the sum of 80*l.* 12*s.*, being the assessed value of a chief-rent of 42*s.*, formerly issuing out of a dwelling-house, called the Coopers Arms, taken down by the trustees under the above act, being the value of such said chief-rent of 23*l.* 7*s.* at the rate of 31 years' purchase; and reciting that, notwithstanding the foregoing resolution, no deed or conveyance has yet been made from the said trustees under St. Stephen's act, to the vestry or feoffees of St. Stephen's parish, of the said annual sum of 23*l.* 7*s.*; the said trustees had nevertheless paid to the vestry such annual sum of 23*l.* 7*s.* up to the 24th June, 1784; and further setting forth, that the Bristol-bridge trustees, in pursuance of an act passed for that purpose, had lately purchased and taken down six old houses, a moiety of the rents whereof belonged to the poor of the said parish of St. Stephen, and the other moiety of such rents, under and by virtue of the will of John Myner, deceased, to the rector of the same parish, for the time being; and that the purchase money paid by the said bridge-trustees to the feoffees of St. Stephen's parish, being the sum of 264*l.*, it had been agreed, between the said feoffees and trustees under Saint Stephen's act, to add the said sum of 264*l.* to the said sum of 700*l.* 12*s.* already advanced to St. Stephen's trustees, as also 58*l.* 8*s.*, being for two years and a half ground-rent, then due from the said trustees on such last-mentioned sum, which would amount together to the sum of 1,023*l.*; and that, as the same sum of 1,023*l.* was more than the value of the whole fee-farm rent of 28*l.* issuing out of Mr. Hill's warehouses, it was resolved to invest the whole sum in the purchase of 33*l.* per annum, part of 48*l.* chief-rent, issuing out of a messuage or tenement, warehouse and buildings, in Church-street, some time since erected and built by Francis Jakes, deceased, and payable by him to the said trustees under St. Stephen's act, which would be at the rate of 31 years' purchase, that being the assessed value of chief-rents purchased by the said trustees under St. Stephen's act, of the feoffees of the same parish; and it was further resolved, that out of the said yearly fee-farm rent of 33*l.*, so intended to be purchased, the Reverend Dr. Tucker, the rector of the parish, and every succeeding rector, should be, in the first place, paid the clear yearly sum of 3*l.*, it being what he and they would be entitled to under the will of the said John Myner, and what had been usually paid out of the rents of the Tucker-street houses, so lately purchased by the bridge-trustees as aforesaid.

The 33*l.* rent, explained and accounted for by the foregoing documents, is specified in the before-stated memorial as a part of the property vested in the trustees for charitable purposes, and is regularly entered in the overseers' accounts, as an item of receipt, of which he discharges himself by the general statement, on the other side, of charitable disbursements.

The sum of 3*l.* 10*s.* has, for many years, been annually paid to the rector, who preaches a sermon for the same, on the first Friday in every month.

As to the 20*l.* given by John Myner, in bread, to the poor, that part of his will is fulfilled by the appropriation of 16*s.* per annum, being at the rate of four per cent., to that object, which is accounted for among the bread-gifts.

ROBERT SANDFORD'S GIFT.

The church table notices Robert Sandford's gift in the following terms:—

"1759, Robert Sandford, Esquire, of this city, gave 100*l.*, the interest thereof to four poor housekeepers of this parish not receiving alms, on Saint Thomas's-day, yearly, for ever."

By an extract of the will of Robert Sandford, it appears that the testator, by his will, dated 6th October, 1755, among other things directed that the sum of 100*l.*, part of a larger sum therein mentioned, should be paid to the minister and churchwardens for the time being of the parish of St. Stephen, Bristol, to be by them and their successors placed and continued out at interest, and the interest thereof to be paid unto four poor housekeepers of the said parish, not receiving alms, yearly, and every year, on St. Thomas's-day, for ever. This and the ten following charities are explained, as to their investment, by the account above given of the purchase of the fee-farm rent of 33*l.*; but the annual sum of 3*l.* 10*s.* appears by the books to have been specifically applied to four poor housekeepers, in sums of 17*s.* 6*d.* each, and so it continues.

ELIZABETH EVANS'S GIFT

Is thus stated on the church table:—

"1765, Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, of the county of Wilts, gave 50*l.*, the interest thereof, to the poor of this parish, in bread."

In the churchwarden's account for the year 1764, this sum of 50*l.* appears to have been received.

The investment of this is the same as that of Robert Sandford's, above stated. It has had no specific application, but must be considered as a part of the charity moneys, consolidated, in the account, under the general head of Relief to the poor.

In the old gift-book, 1*l.* 15*s.*, being three and a half per cent., was the yearly distribution under this gift.

EDWARD GWATKIN'S GIFT.

Church Table.—"Mr. Edward Gwatkin, late of this city, merchant, gave 50*l.*, the interest thereof to ten poor housekeepers, not receiving alms, on the 20th day of February, yearly, for ever."

In the accounts for 1765, it appears that this legacy of 50*l.* was received by the then churchwarden.

The investment of this charity has been above shown, and it appears, by an entry in an old gift-book, that on the 20th February, 1767, (being probably the first distribution), 1*l.* 15*s.*, as the interest of this money, was given among ten poor housekeepers, not receiving alms, in sums of 3*s.* 6*d.* each, which has ever since continued to be the mode of distribution.

JOHN HEYLIN'S GIFT.

Church Table.—"John Heylin, Esquire, late of this parish, gave 50*l.*, the interest thereof to the poor, in bread or money, by the minister and churchwardens for the time being, on the 31st day of June, yearly, for ever."

In the churchwarden's account of 1767, it appears that this legacy was received by the then churchwarden.

This is also one of the gifts invested in the purchase of the 33*l.* rent-charge, as above.

The sum of 1*l.* 15*s.* appears by the old gift-book to have been always allowed. It has, for many years back, been distributed among the bread gifts, at the same rate of interest.

JOHN PELOQUIN'S GIFT.

Church Table.—"1755, John Peloquin, Esquire, late of this parish, gave 50*l.* the interest thereof to the poor of this parish, in bread or coal, on the 26th December, yearly, for ever."

The receipt of this sum appears, by the churchwarden's accounts for 1755-6, by the following entry:—

"Received of the Rev. Mr. Tucker, rector of this parish, paid to Mr. Atkins Helyar, as the overseer of the poor, the sum of 50*l.*, being the gift of the late John Peloquin, deceased, the interest whereof to be distributed amongst the poor of the said parish, in bread or coal, at the discretion of the rector and churchwardens for the time being, on the 26th December, yearly, for ever."

The distribution under this charity has been always at the rate of three per cent., being 1*s.* 10*s.* per annum. It was invested as before-mentioned, and is accounted for among the bread gifts.

MRS. ANN WHITE'S GIFT.

Church Table.—"1756, Mrs. Ann White gave 50*l.*, the interest thereof to the poor of this parish, in bread, on the 19th September, yearly for ever."

This gift, as to its investment, rate of interest, and distribution, stands circumstanced precisely as the last.

WALTER LOUGHER'S GIFT.

Church Table.—"1762, Mr. Walter Lougher, merchant, of this parish, gave 100*l.* to the minister and churchwardens for the time being, the interest thereof to eight poor widows of this parish, not receiving alms, on the 7th day of December, yearly, for ever."

The investment of this sum has also been explained.

Three per cent. has been the interest invariably paid upon it, which is, and always has been, specifically applied to eight poor widows, in sums of 7*s.* 6*d.* each.

ISAAC HOBHOUSE'S GIFT.

Church Table.—"1763, Isaac Hobhouse, merchant, of this parish, gave the sum of 100*l.* to be placed out at interest, and the annual income to be divided to the poor thereof, not receiving alms, on St. Thomas's-day, for ever."

The distribution under this gift appears to have been regularly made, at the rate of three per cent. The persons receiving the benefaction have been, for the most part,

widows of the parish; the distribution having formerly been in varying sums, but for several years past in equal amounts. The investment of this sum is the same as in the cases preceding.

JANE GUNDRY'S GIFT.

Church Table.—"1769, Mrs. Jane Gundry gave 20*l.*, the interest to be given to the poor in bread, on Ash Wednesday, yearly."

The investment is the same as in the cases last above-mentioned, and the interest accounted for upon this charity has been 3½ per cent., being annually 14*s.*, which is included among the bread gifts.

ANN HORT'S GIFT.

Mrs. Ann Hort, by her will (an extract of which was produced), dated 3d March, 1766, gave to the minister and churchwardens for the time being, of the parish of St. Stephen, in the city of Bristol, the sum of 50*l.*, upon trust, that they and their successors, for ever, should place and continue the same at interest, and lay out the interest arising therefrom, yearly, for ever, and distribute the same on the 9th day of November, yearly, among the poor of the said parish of St. Stephen, as they in their discretion should judge proper.

At the bottom of the above extract, there is an acknowledgment of the receipt of 50*l.*, with a deduction of 5*s.* stamp-duty.

This is also one among the number of those which were invested in the purchase of the 33*l.* annuity. The sum of 30*s.*, being three per cent., has been annually distri buted in bread, and is accordingly to be accounted for under the bread gifts.

RENT FORMERLY ARISING OUT OF TWO TENEMENTS ON THE QUAY, UNDER ALDERMAN ROBERT KITCHEN'S WILL.

By an indenture, made 14th March, 1620, between John Bolton, of Bristol, merchant, of the one part; and Abel Kitchen, one of the aldermen of the same city, and other persons therein mentioned, of the other part; the said John Bolton, in consideration of 45*l.* to him paid by the said Abel Kitchen and John Rowberrow, surviving executors of Robert Kitchen, deceased, did grant and confirm unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns, for ever, an annuity, or yearly rent-charge, of 52*s.*, to be issuing out of two tenements therein described, lying together upon the Quay, in the parish of St. Stephen, Bristol; to hold and receive the same annuity to them the said Abel Kitchen, and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, to be paid at the usual feasts.

By an indenture, dated 20th March, 1653, between Humphrey Hook the elder, and others, of the one part; and Henry Jones, clerk, and others, of the other part; reciting, that John Bolton had, by the above deed, granted to Abel Kitchen, and others, the said annuity for the said sum of 45*l.*; which said sum of 45*l.* so paid by the said Abel Kitchen, for purchasing the same annuity, was paid out of the money and estate left by the said Robert Kitchen, to be disposed of to good and charitable uses; since which time, all the

right, title, and interest of and in the said annuity had become vested in the said Humphrey Hook, and others; it is witnessed, that the said Humphrey Hook and others, for the better assuring and preserving of the said annuity to the charitable uses for which the same had been so purchased, as the gift of the said Robert Kitchen, did thereby grant and confirm unto the said Henry Jones, and others, of the second part, the said annuity, and all the estate therein of the said Humphrey Hook, and others; to hold to them, the said Henry Jones, their heirs and assigns, for ever, to be for ever disposed of, as the gift of the said Robert Kitchen, to the poor people of the parish of St. Stephen aforesaid, in six twopenny loaves of bread, on every Sabbath-day throughout the whole year, for ever.

The tenements above mentioned, which seem to have been formerly known by the appellation of the Coopers' Arms, were taken down by the trustees under the act of Parliament already adverted to, for making improvements in the parish of St. Stephen. And it appears, that the sum of 80*l.* 12*s.* was the assessed value of the above-mentioned rent-charge of 2*l.* 12*s.* per annum, being at the rate of thirty-one years' purchase. This sum of 80*l.* 12*s.* made a part of the purchase-money with which the annual rent of 33*l.*, part of the larger rent of 48*l.*, was bought by the parish. No specific payment has been made with a particular reference to this gift; but the same must be considered as comprehended in the sum annually bestowed upon the poor in a general way, in satisfaction of the charitable trusts of this parish.

Thus it appears, that the sum of 80*l.* 12*s.* being added to the 620*l.*, composed of the ten last-mentioned gifts, produced the sum of 700*l.* 12*s.*, by adding to which sum the sum of 264*l.* paid by the trustees under the Bridge Act, for the moiety of the six houses under Myner's will, and the sum of 58*l.* 8*s.*, being two years and a half ground rent, due from the said trustees on the last-mentioned sum, the sum of 1,023*l.* was made up, being the full purchase-money of the above-mentioned annuity of 33*l.*

ALDERMAN HOOK'S GIFT.

By turning to the account given of Alderman Hook's charity, among the corporation reports, [*see* Sixth Report, page 536],* it will be found, that Mr. Humphrey Hook charged, upon a debt owing to him by the corporation, a sum of 8*s.* per week, to be paid to the overseers of this parish, for the use of the poor thereof, viz. 4*s.* for bread and 4*s.* for coals, amounting to the sum of 20*l.* 16*s.* per annum.

[*Note.*—In the above Report, by a mistake of the press, the amount is there stated to be 20*l.* 6*s.*, instead of 20*l.* 16*s.*]

This sum of 20*l.* 16*s.* is regularly paid, and is applied either in coals or provisions given to the poor of the parish, chiefly to those who attend divine service.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 102.

ALDERMAN LONG'S GIFT.

By referring to the account of Alderman Long's charity, among the corporation charities, [*see* Sixth Report, page 532],* it appears, that 5*l.* per annum, payable upon 100*l.* placed with the chamber by Mr. Alderman Long, was made payable to the churchwardens of St. Stephen's parish for the poor. The fact, however, according to the city bond, dated 27th September, 1656, in the possession of the parish, appears to have been, that 60*l.* only was the gift of Mr. Alderman Long, 40*l.* having come out of the parish stock.

Five pounds is regularly received by the churchwarden, which, according to the entries in the book of accounts, has been paid, together with other moneys for the general relief of the poor, but not with any specific reference to Mr. Alderman Long's charity.

N. B.—In the Report before referred to, five shillings per annum, instead of five pounds per annum, is, by an error in printing, stated to be paid upon this charity.

GIFTS OF WILLIAM EATON AND MARY HIS WIFE.

The church board makes it appear that, in "1638, Mr. William Eaton, and Mary his wife, of this parish, gave eleven-pence a week, for ever."

By referring to the case of Alderman Long, before stated, it will appear that in the corporation bond, the 100*l.* vested in the corporation, for which they became answerable for 5*l.* annually, was composed of 60*l.* coming from Alderman Long, and 40*l.* from the general parish stock; but it is suspected, that the 40*l.* was paid by the parish, with a sum to that amount given by Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, as the gifts of Mr. Long and Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, appear under the same date on the board.

GIFTS OF ALDERMAN HARRINGTON AND ALDERMAN KITCHEN.

[See these charities reported under the Corporation Charities, Sixth and Eighth Reports.]†

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 96. † *Ibid.* pp. 93 and 194.

The sum of 4*l.* is regularly received by the churchwardens from the chamberlain, on account of the above charities, and applied to the relief of poor housekeepers, according to the directions of the respective donors.

FRANCIS GLEED'S CHARITY.

Under Francis Gleed's gift, by his will, dated 29th May, 1661, and fully set forth in the Seventh Report, page 215,* among St. Mary Redcliff charities, 2*l.* is annually divided equally among four poor housekeepers of this parish, not receiving parish relief, although 1*l.* 18*s.* only is received from the vestry clerk of Christ-church, he retaining 2*s.* for his trouble.

FRANCIS DERRICK'S GIFT.

Francis Derrick, the elder, by his deed poll, dated 23d January, 1632, for the better relief and sustentation of the poor people that should be thereafter dwelling within the parish of St. Stephen, Bristol, granted unto Humphrey Hook, and others, being for the most part persons residing in the parish of St. Stephen, an annuity or yearly rent of 52*s.*, to be issuing out of all that messuage or tenement, then or late in the holding of Edith White, situate in the said parish of St. Stephen, in a street or place there called the Quay, between the then dwelling-house of him the said Francis Derrick the elder, on the one side, on or towards the south part, and the messuage or tenement called the Tower of the Quay, on the other side, on or towards the north part, with the appurtenances; to hold and receive the same unto them, the said Humphrey Hook, and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, to the uses, and upon the trusts, that the same should be by the said grantees, their heirs and assigns, from time to time, and at all times thereafter, paid and disbursed by twelve-pence every week, in bread, to be distributed to and amongst such poor people inhabiting within the said parish of St. Stephen, as to the churchwardens and overseers of that parish should seem best. And the said deed contained the usual powers of entry and distress, together with a proviso, that as soon as all the said grantees, except four of them at the most, should die or leave their settled abode in the said city, that then, upon such deaths, the said four or fewer of the said grantees which should be then living, the surviving grantees, should make a new conveyance of the said annuity to other discreet persons, to the number of twelve at the least, dwelling in the said city, and to their heirs, to the uses and trusts aforesaid.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 72.

The rent-charge is regularly paid by the occupier of the house upon the Quay, so charged with the same, to the overseers of this parish, who give effect to the gift by including it in the bread distribution.

The parish chest does not contain any conveyances of this rent-charge, subsequent to one which is dated 9th October, 1649, neither does it appear to be included in the general feoffments of the parish lands; but the accounts show that it has been constantly received and applied, and the vestry clerk continues to receive it annually, and hands it over to the overseers.

THOMAS WEARE'S GIFT.

The documents in the church chest have been searched without success, to find the instrument under which this charity is derived; but on the church board, which is very old, it is thus stated:—

"1685, Mr. Thomas Weare, rope-maker, gave 9*d.* per week in bread, for ever."

The first receipt of this rent is entered in the churchwarden's account books for the year 1786, and is thus expressed:—

"By cash received of James Hill, for a year's chief-rent upon a house called the Rising Sun, in Temple-street, the gift of George Weare, due Lady-day last.. £1. 6*s.*"

George Weare being, it is apprehended, a mistake for Thomas Weare.

The rent-charge has been regularly paid by the occupier of a house in Temple-street, which, it is believed, was formerly called the Rising Sun; but it is now a private dwelling, in the possession of a Mrs. Gudge. There is another house in the street which now goes by the name of the Rising Sun, with which this charity has no concern. It is included among the bread gifts.

JOHN DYMER'S GIFT.

There is no copy or trace of the instrument under which this benefaction was derived; but the church table states it thus:—

"1674, Mr. John Dymer, sheriff of this city, gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof in bread quarterly, for ever."

The parish books of accounts record no specific payments in bread or otherwise under this gift; if it is satisfied at all, it must be under the distribution of moneys to the poor, entered in the books annually as a general item.

JEREMIAH HOLLOWAY'S GIFT.

THERE is nothing but the board in the church to show the nature and origin of this gift, which board is as follows :—

"1685, Mr. Jeremiah Holloway, merchant of this city, gave 20*l.*, the profit thereof in bread to the poor of St. Stephen's parish, for ever."

The application must be looked for in the bread distribution.

ELIZABETH DICKASON'S GIFT.

OF this gift, which, under the date of 1686, is stated by the church table as follows :—"Elizabeth Dickason gave 5*l.*, the profit in fourpenny bread, the 2d of February, yearly, for ever;"—*see* the account of the bread distribution.

JOHN NEWMAN'S GIFT.

THE table states it thus :—"1727, Mr. John Newman, of this parish, plumber, gave 26*l.*, the interest to the poor in bread, weekly, for ever."—*See* the general bread distribution.

GIFTS OF WILLIAM FREKE AND THOMAS FREKE, OF FIFTY POUNDS EACH.

"1731, Mr. William Freke, merchant, gave 50*l.*, the interest whereof to the poor of this parish, yearly, for ever."

Mr. Thomas Freke, under the date of 1732, gave the same sum precisely, in the same terms. No account of any specific distribution.

JOAN ANSFORD'S GIFT.

ACCORDING to the table, "Mrs. Joan Ansford, in 1745, gave 30*l.*, the interest thereof to be given to five poor housekeepers of this parish, not receiving alms, on the 16th day of June, yearly, for ever."

No account of any specific distribution.

CAPTAIN JOHN PRICE'S GIFT.

ON the church table this gift is thus entered :—

"1709, Captain John Price, late of this city, gave to the churchwardens of this parish 10*l.*, the interest thereof to be given to the poor in bread, on Twelfth-day, yearly, for ever."

The churchwardens have always paid the sum of 8*s.* interest upon this gift, and it is accounted for among the bread gifts.

GIFTS OF MRS. MARY SHOWELL AND CAPTAIN JOHN WILLIAMS.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1713, Mrs. Mary Showell, of this parish, widow, gave 10*l.*, the interest thereof to the poor in bread, on the first Friday after the 18th of August, yearly, for ever."

The receipt of this sum is thus recorded in the vestry minute book for the year 1712 :—

"17th October, 1712, At a vestry then held, Mr. William Williams and ——— Jones, paid to Captain William Helyar, present churchwarden, 10*l.*, the gift of Mrs. Mary Showell, of this parish, widow, the interest to the poor on the first Friday after the 18th August, yearly, for ever."

CHURCH TABLE.—"1722, Captain John Williams, of the Island of Caldee, in Pembrokeshire, gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof to be given to the poor of this parish in bread, on the 25th day of August, yearly, for ever, by the churchwardens."

The interest of these gifts has been consolidated in the accounts, at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., being 14*s.* on the 20*l.* They are both comprehended in the bread account.

ISAAC ELTON'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1714, Mr. Isaac Elton, of this parish, merchant, and a member of the common council, gave 50*l.*, the profit thereof to be distributed in bread and coals, to the poor of this parish not receiving alms, on the 22d day of November, yearly, for ever."

The receipt of this sum is thus entered in the vestry minute book for the year 1715:—

"23d August, 1715.—At a vestry then held, Mr. Joseph Jefferys, the present overseer, reported, that he had received of the executor of Mr. Isaac Elton, deceased, the sum of 50*l.*, as the gift of said Elton; the profit thereof to be distributed in bread and coal to the poor of this parish, not receiving alms, on the 22d day of November, yearly, for ever."

Twenty poor persons receive, under this charity, 2*s.* each, which has been the practice for many years back. It used formerly, as appears by the old gift-book, to have been distributed in bread and coal.

MORGAN PHILLIPS'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1747, Mr. Morgan Phillips, cheesemonger, gave 20*l.*, the interest thereof to be distributed in sixpenny loaves, by the churchwarden, on the 25th day of October, yearly, for ever."

The interest paid upon this gift has been four per cent., being 16*s.* upon the 20*l.* It is included among the bread gifts.

CAPTAIN ARTHUR GRANT'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1701, Captain Arthur Grant gave 20*l.*, the profit to be distributed yearly, at Christmas, to four poor householders not receiving alms."

Four per cent. interest upon this sum, being 16*s.* per annum, has been always regularly paid to four poor housekeepers, 4*s.* each; but whether to persons not receiving alms does not distinctly appear.

JAMES BROWN'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1738, Mr. James Brown, of this parish, gave 10*l.*, the interest thereof, to ten poor people not receiving alms, on Good Friday, yearly, for ever."

The distribution under this gift has been constantly 8*s.*, to eight poor people, being four per cent. upon the donation; but that part of the donor's directions, which confines the benefit to poor persons not receiving alms, does not appear to have been strictly attended to.

JAMES COUCH'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1736, Mr. James Couch, apothecary, gave 10*l.*, the interest thereof to four poor widows not receiving alms, Michaelmas-day, yearly, for ever."

The terms of this donation have been carried into effect by a distribution to four poor widows of this parish, in sums of 2*s.* each, being four per cent. upon the donation.

WILLIAM PROSSER'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1724, Mr. William Prosser, needle-maker, gave 20*l.*, the profit to a poor family having more than one child, and not receiving alms, on the 16th August, for ever, by the churchwardens."

The annual sum paid on account of this charity is 12*s.* a year, being three per cent. upon the same.

The money is given away to a poor person of the parish, having more than one child, and not receiving alms.

THE GIFTS OF EDWARD JACOB, GEORGE MORRIS, AND WALTER RAINSTORP.

THESE three gifts are applied together, in the yearly sum of 2*l.*, to eight poor persons, 5*s.* each; of two of them only, viz. George Morris and Edward Jacob, the church table makes mention in the following manner:—

"1676, Mr. Edward Jacob, vintner, gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof yearly."

"1687, Mr. George Morris, a member of the common council, gave 20*l.* the profit to the poor, at Christmas and Easter."

Of the amount of Mr. Rainstorp's bounty, there is no distinct mention in the parish books; but, by an old paper found among their documents, he appears to have given the sum of 10*l.*, and as far back as the year 1761, it is recorded to have been distributed, together with Mr. Jacob's and Mr. Morris's gifts, to twenty poor persons, 2*s.* each. For upwards of twenty years past, however, the aggregate amount of these three benefactions has been confined to eight poor persons, at 5*s.* each, and so it continues.

SIR WILLIAM CANN'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1687, Sir William Cann, Knight and Baronet, gave 100*l.* to four parishes in this city, whereof this hath a quarter part, the profit thereof to be distributed to the poor the eighth day of January, for ever."

This is included among the bread gifts, being 1*l.*, annually, at the rate of four per cent. upon the whole principal sum.

CECILIA GUNNING'S GIFT.

THIS charity is not mentioned in the church table; but, in the old vestry book for 1701, the receipt of the money is thus stated:—

"October 10, 1701.—At a vestry then held, it was agreed that 100*l.* in the hands of the city, being the seal given for Mrs. Cecily Gunning's money, be called in, and that said 100*l.* and 130*l.* more, belonging to the church stock, be laid out on mortgage, on a house and cellars, at the Little Tower on the Kay, belonging to Lodwick Lloyd; and that the interest of said 230*l.* be applied as follows, viz. three pounds per annum to be paid to six poor widows, on St. Thomas's-day; twenty shillings more to the same six poor widows, on Good Friday, yearly, it being 3*s.* 4*d.* to each, to buy them shifts, both being the gift of the above-mentioned Mrs. Cecily Gunning; the remainder of the interest arising of the said 230*l.* to be applied to the account of the church stock."

The premises on the Quay were pulled down under the church act; but three per cent. upon the gift has been always distributed, and accounted for in the following way; 2*l.* per annum is given to four poor widows, at 10*s.* each; 20*s.* is also annually laid out in shifts, which are given to the poor, but not confined to the four poor women who receive the other part of the benefaction.

MRS. MARY PORTER'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"January 27th, 1745, Mrs. Mary Porter gave 50*l.*, the interest thereof to be distributed by the churchwardens, to ten poor persons of this parish, not receiving alms, for ever."

The parish has distributed, under this gift, to ten poor persons 4*s.* each, being four per cent. upon this gift, which, according to the books, appears to have been the constant course.

SAMUEL GOMOND'S GIFT.

BY an extract from Samuel Gomond's will, dated 8th June, 1816, it appears that the testator gave to the minister and churchwardens, for the time being, of the parish of St. Stephen, in the city of Bristol, the sum of 100*l.*, upon trust, to place the same out upon interest in the Government funds, and to pay and apply the annual interest and dividends thereof, unto and amongst five poor housekeepers of the said parish, according to their discretion.

This sum of 100*l.* was received and invested in the five per cents., now the new fours. When brought into the fives it produced a sum of 95*l.* 12*s.*, upon which was received one year's interest, 4*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, which was given in error to ten poor housekeepers, not receiving alms; but the produce of the four per cents., to which the same is now reduced, will in future be given only to five persons of the above description.

HENRY BENGGOUH'S CHARITY.

HENRY BENGOUGH, late of the city of Bristol, Esquire, who died on the 10th April, 1818, by his last will, among various other legacies, gave as follows :—

"I give and bequeath to the rector and churchwardens for the time being of the parish of St. Stephen, in the city of Bristol, 100*l.* upon trust, to place the same out at interest, on such security, and in such names, as the rector and churchwardens for the time being of the said parish of St. Stephen's shall from time to time think proper, and to pay and apply the interest of the said sum of 100*l.* annually, on St. Stephen's day, for the benefit of the poor of that parish, and, as to males, whether they shall or shall not be

freemen of the said city of Bristol, in such way and manner as the said rector and churchwardens for the time being shall in their discretion think fit."

This legacy was not paid until February, 1823, when it was paid with interest, making together 115*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*, accounted for in the following way:—

"Feb. 21, 1823.	£.	s.	d.
Paid duty	11	10	11
Bank	100	0	0
Ditto expenses	0	6	8
Balance	4	2	2
£.	115	19	9

"Feb. 21, 1823.	£.	s.	d.
Received legacy	100	0	0
Interest	15	19	9
£.	115	19	9."

Out of this sum, the sum of 106*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* was purchased in the new four per cent. annuities, the cost of the same being 99*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, brokerage 2*s.* 8*d.*, postage and commission from the country 6*s.* 8*d.*, as per stock receipt, making the cost altogether 100*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* The stock forms part of the aggregate sum of 239*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*

No dividend has yet been received upon the 100*l.* so invested. The balance of 4*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* still remains in the churchwarden's hands, as a part of the interest to be accounted for, which, as well as the future interest of the 100*l.* so invested, is intended to be applied according to the discretion of the churchwardens, for the benefit of the poor of the parish.

MRS. MARY ANN PELOQUIN'S CHARITIES.

Church Table.—"1779, Mrs. Mary Ann Peloquin, of this parish, deceased, gave by her will the following donations, to be distributed on St. Stephen's day, yearly, for ever.

"To three poor men and three poor women of the ward of St. Stephen, and to two poor men and two poor women of the parish of St. Stephen, such as shall be nominated by the alderman of the ward of St. Stephen for the time being, 6*l.* per annum each, subject to the following restrictions: The persons to be free of the city, and housekeepers, not receiving parochial alms, not keeping public-houses, and none to be partakers oftener than once in three years: To ten poor men, and twenty poor widows, and single women, inhabitants of the parish of St. Stephen, not receiving parochial alms, such as the rector and churchwardens of the parish for the time being shall recommend, 1*l.* per annum each; also to the rector of St. Stephen 5*l.*, to the curate 2*l.*, to the clerk 1*l.*, and to the sexton 1*l.* per annum, for an afternoon sermon and prayers on St. Stephen's day, yearly, for ever.

"*N. B.*—All the above donations payable for ever, by the chamber of this city, out of the interest of the sum of 19,000*l.* bequeathed by Mrs. Peloquin to the court of aldermen, in trust, for these and other charitable purposes.

"And lastly, in generous addition to all her other benefactions, Mrs. Peloquin gave, and in legal form confirmed, her dwelling-house in Queen-square, to the use of the rector of this parish, for the time being, subject to certain restrictions."

The will is fully set out under the corporation charities, Sixth Report, p. 538,* in which Report it has been stated, that the mayor and aldermen have regularly paid the interest of 300*l.*, part of the said legacy of 19,000*l.* therein given by said will, amounting to 9*l.* per annum, to the rector, curate, clerk, and sexton, of the parish of St. Stephen, in the proportions directed by the will; that prayers are read, and a sermon preached, in the afternoon of St. Stephen's-day, as directed by the same will; that the mayor and aldermen regularly pay the annual sum of 30*l.* the interest of 1,000*l.*, part of the said sum of 19,000*l.* to twenty poor widows, and ten poor men, according to the directions of the minister and churchwardens of St. Stephen's parish; that the minister and churchwardens sign a list of the thirty persons whom they consider the proper objects to receive the benefit of this charity, which list they send to the chamberlain's office, and that the persons mentioned in such list are also supplied with a ticket, signed by the minister and churchwardens, when the money is paid by the chamberlain to the persons producing such ticket; and it will appear, by the same case, that the accounts of the charity were produced, showing that the annual sum of 30*l.* had been paid in the manner above-mentioned, ever since the commencement of the charity.

With respect to the sum of 6*l.* directed by the will to be paid to each of three men and three women, out of the ward of St. Stephen at large, and two men and two women out of the parish of St. Stephen in particular, to be nominated and appointed by the alderman for the time being of that ward; the irregularity of that payment, and the accumulation thereby produced, has been explained in the report of Mrs. Peloquin's gift, among the corporation charities, as above referred to.

As to the gift of the house by Mrs. Peloquin, alluded to in the above church table, the same has been confirmed by her representative Mrs. Ann Casamajor, of the city of Bristol, who conveyed the same in trust for the rector, and his successors, by a deed of assignment, bearing date 8th August, 1778. The rector lives in the house in Queen-square, which is held by him under the corporation, by a lease for forty years, renewable every fourteen years.

The present incumbent has paid one fine to renew the interest; but by a vote of vestry, 13th January, 1817, entered in the minute-book for that year, it was resolved, that the parish should renew the house in Queen-square, occupied by the Rev. Mr. Grevile, the rector, held under the corporation of Bristol, renewable every fourteen years, at a fine of 45*l.*; and it was further resolved, that the parish should in future pay the fine attending every such renewal, and wholly discharge the rector for the time being from the payment of any part thereof; and in pursuance of that resolution, the parish, on the 2d of March, 1818, renewed the lease of the house in Queen-square, for a fine of 45*l.*, and paid 14*l.* 6*s.* for the expenses of the lease.

Mrs. Peloquin's gift of 9*l.* per annum is regularly paid; to the rector 5*l.*, to the curate 2*l.*, to the clerk and sexton 1*l.* each. Prayers are read, and a sermon preached in the afternoon of St. Stephen's-day, as directed by the will.

Vide vol. i. p. 106.

DR. TYSON'S SERMON GIFT.

By a vestry-minute, dated 26th December, 1701, it was agreed, that whereas Dr. Edward Tyson had settled the gift sermon of his grandfather Mr. Tyson, of this parish, viz. 15*s.* to the minister, and 5*s.* to the clerk and sexton, to be paid them by the corporation of the poor; it was ordered, that his name should be inserted on the table of benefactors in the church.

This charity has not been invested; but the gifts of 15*s.* to the minister, and 5*s.* to the clerk and sexton, have been regularly paid by the treasurer of Saint Peter's hospital.

ALDERMAN ROBERT KITCHEN'S SERMON GIFT.

This is a payment of 10*s.* for a sermon, to be preached the first Sunday in Lent, which sermon is stated to be regularly preached, and the money paid; as more particularly appears in the report of Alderman Kitchen's donations among the corporation charities.—[*See* Eighth Report.]*

THOMAS BOWER'S GIFT.

Thomas Bower, by his will, dated 26th August, 1809, among other things, gave to the minister and churchwardens for the time being, of the parish of St. Stephen, in Bristol, the sum of 100*l.* upon trust, to place the same at interest on Government, or good freehold, security, and to pay the dividends or interest thereof unto, or between, ten sober persons, of the said parish, not receiving alms, at the disposition of the said minister and churchwardens, on the 7th day of August, yearly, for ever.

The parish received about two years, either from Mr. Bower or his solicitor, the sum of 30*l.* on account of the above legacy; but have received nothing since. Mr. John Bower, the acting executor of the late Mr. Thomas Bower's will, has been applied to for the residue, and, in consequence of such application, has written the following letter:—

"Gentlemen, "Bristol, 17th October, 1822.

"My illness has prevented me from waiting on you, respecting the legacies bequeathed to the parishes of Braunton and St. Stephen, by the late Thomas Bower. I have no

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 141.

assets in hand to pay them at present. But the family and myself have agreed to pay the said legacies in full in March next, whether we receive any thing more from Jamaica or not.

"I am, gentlemen, your most obedient servant,

"To the Commissioners of Charities." "John Bower."

The 30*l.* was received by Mr. Thomas Fuidge, the then overseer, in whose hands it remained for about one year and a half, and who paid 30*s.* as interest for the same, without having made any interest of it himself, but declined paying any further interest while it remained dead in his hands. It was invested on the 1st March, 1823, in the new four per cents. stock, where it now remains, together with two other sums arising from the donations next mentioned, in the names of Edward Colston Grevile, Richard Fuidge, Thomas Stone, and Thomas Fuidge, the whole amount of the three being 239*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*

Upon the whole of the above statement of the charities received and disbursed in this parish, it appears, that if 4*l.* per cent. per annum be taken as the interest upon all the above gifts, including the stock purchased by those of Thomas Bower, Samuel Gomond, and Henry Bengough, and excluding all such as consist of annuities and rent charges, the total amount of what the parish ought to pay to the poor on the different subjects specified would amount to 56 16 1¼

The amount of the annuities and rent-charges, including those paid by the corporation, are 38 6 0

So that the total of what ought to be paid by the parish is £95 2 1¼

The state of the disbursements is as follows :—

Given away in sums of money specifically 28 9 0

The average of disbursements, under the bread distribution, taken upon twenty years, is 28 13 4

And if an average be allowed of the casual disbursements for the poor, one year with another for twenty years, it will produce another sum of .. 13 2 9

The payments upon the New Fours, bought with the gifts of Bower, Gomond, and Bengough, are 9 11 4¼

Making a total of £79 16 5¼

The result is, that the parish have come short of the full discharge of their obligations under the above charities, by 16*l.* 5*s.* 7¼.

The vestry have engaged to consider themselves as liable in future to pay, annually, under their different trusts for charitable objects, the aggregate sum above-mentioned of 95*l.* 2*s.* 1¼*d.*, being 4*l.* per cent. upon all the principal sums bequeathed or given for charitable purposes, and including the annuities and charges received from the corporation or other sources, which intention is proposed to be executed as below explained.

The gifts of four housekeepers and widows, or a less number, are Robert Sandford, Alderman Kitchen, Alderman Harrington, Francis Gleed, Arthur Grant, James Couch, and William Prosser, amounting together to 12*l.*; the gifts to ten housekeepers, widows, widowers, and poor people, or a less number, exceeding four, are Cecilia Gunning's, Walter

Lougher's, Mary Porter's, Edward Gwatkin's, James Brown's, Thomas Bower's, Samuel Gomond's, and Joan Ansford's, amounting together to 18*l.* 18*s.* 0¼*d.*

The gifts to be distributed according to the discretion of the vestry, are those of Isaac Hobhouse, Edward Jacob, George Morris, Walter Rainstorp, Alderman Long, Eaton and wife, William and Thomas Freke, Henry Bengough, Ann Hort, and Sir William Cann, amounting together to 21*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*

If this sum be halved between the two classes above-mentioned, it will give to the first class 22*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*, and it will give to the second class 29*l.* 16*s.* 8¼*d.* The 22*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* divided amongst four, gives to each 5*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*; and the 29*l.* 16*s.* 8¼*d.* divided by ten, will give to each 2*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* If the sum of 5*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* be given to persons of a superior description, reduced in their circumstances by misfortune, it may prove a very effectual assistance to them in their difficulties; and the 2*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* will be no less beneficial to respectable persons of an inferior class, under unavoidable distress.

The weekly bread is 28*l.* 6*s.* 9½*d.*, which it may be proper to continue under the present mode of distribution, observing the practice of keeping lists settled and determined upon at a vestry.

The annual bread gifts amount to 15*l.*, which may with propriety be distributed on some certain day in the year, to persons whose names are always kept upon a list settled in the above manner. This will enable the vestry to make a proper selection of persons deserving this relief, before the time of distribution, making such changes as they feel to be useful and expedient, and will avoid turbulent and clamorous applications for their bounty.

The property exhibited in the memorial, copied as matter of introduction to the charities of this parish, is precisely that which the parish consider as pledged and belonging to the above charities.

The amount of the funds so composed and so appropriated is 101*l.* 15*s.* 4½*d.*, after allowing for 11*l.* to the rector for sermons, which is charged upon some part of the property, as has been made already to appear.

The rental is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Four houses, with two small gardens, great garden, or orchard, with a small tenement in Pile-street, in the parish of St. Mary Redcliff; let on lease for 99 years, determinable with three lives, at the yearly rent of	5	0	0
N.B.—This lease contains a covenant to renew upon the death of a life, on payment of 2½ years' rack rent. In September, 1811, a fine of 160*l.* was received for a renewal and change of lives.			
Two houses in New-street, without Lawford's Gate, in the parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, county of Gloucester, on lease for 40 years, renewable every fourteen, upon payment of five guineas	1	0	0
Fee-farm rent, payable for ever, out of a plot of ground on the west side of Church-street	33	0	0
A perpetual fee-farm rent, issuing out of a plot of ground in Narrow Wine-street, now a waggon warehouse	6	10	0
Seven acres of land at Lawrence Weston, county of Gloucester, let at....	20	0	0
Carried forward	65	10	0

Amount brought forward	65	10	0
A rent-charge issuing out of a house on the Quay—Derrick's gift	2	12	0
A rent-charge issuing out of a house in Temple-street—Weare's gift	1	6	0
Gleed's gift, by Osborne and Ward	2	0	0
The chamber of Bristol	29	16	0
Two houses in Redcliff Pit, parish of St. Mary Redcliff, let on lease for 9 years, determinable with three lives, subject to a yearly rent of	2	0	0
The parish are now negociating a renewal, at a fine of 50*l.*			
Interest of 239*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* four per cents	9	11	4¼
	112	15	4¼
Deduct paid to the rectors	11	0	0
	£101	15	4¼

The balance in the hands of the overseer, when his accounts were audited, in June 1822, was 152*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.* out of which was voted to the relief of the poor, last winter, 50*l.*, and which sum of 50*l.* was not included in the calculation of the average sum for extraordinary relief.

The rents of the premises situate in Burton's-Court, given by John Myner, as above stated, for apprenticing seamen's sons, appear never to have been appropriated conformably to the directions of the donor, but to have been erroneously treated as a part of the general parish stock, and applied at the discretion of the vestry, sometimes to the repairs of the church, and to other parish purposes; but the vestry, at our suggestion, have acquiesced in the propriety of putting this into a due course of application, conformably to the intentions of the donors.

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS.

The Pile-street School.
Burton's Almshouse.
Miscellaneous Charities :—
Walter West's Charity.
Charities of Christopher Woodward and Eleanor Woodward.
Charities of Robert Rogers and Sir Richard Rogers.
Matthew Warren's Charity.
William Pitt's Charity.
Mary Stiles's Charity.
Julian Stibbins's Charity.
Christopher Tovey's Charity.
Charities of George Hellier and Samuel Hellier.
Thomas Longman's Charity.
Charities of Edmund Denton and Elizabeth Denton.
Francis Gleed's Charity.
John Pope's Charity.
Michael Deyos's Charity.
Arthur Farmer's Charity.
George Longman's Charity.
Edward Morgan's Charity.
Sir William Penn's Charity.
James Brathwaite's Charity.
Christopher Brinsdon's Charity.
Edward Grant's Charity.
James Frend's Charity.
Samuel Wharton's Charity.
Nehemiah Webb's Charity.
Michael Hunt's Charity.
Richard Brayfield's Charity.
Robert Amberson's Charity.
Samuel Hale's Charity.
Charles Herbert's Charity.
James Seward's Charity.
Edward Laggatt's Charity.
John Gore's Charity.
John Worgan's Charity.
John Hipsly's Charity.
Sir Thomas Day's Charity.
Charles Jones's Charity.
John Newman's Charity.
Alethea Hopkins's Charity.
Matthew Worgan's Charity.
Morris Thomas's Charity.
Mary Smith's Charity.
Edward Dowell's Charity.
Lydia Williams's Charity.
George Bridges's Charity.
William Bridges's Charity.
Richard Bagnold's Charity.
Francis Stokes's Charity.
James Pope's Charity.
William Hasell's Charity.
Luke Wilmot's Charity.
David Hughes's Charity.
Elizabeth Elton's Charity.
Charities of William Weare and John Fisher Weare.
Thomas Sanders's Charities.
Daniel Lane's Charity.
Mary Gresley's Charities.
Thomas Lewis's Charity.
Charities vested in the Corporation of Bristol :—
The Market.
The Church Lands.

THE PILE-STREET SCHOOL.

The parish of Saint Thomas participates in the advantages of the Pile-street school, the particulars of which have been already given in our Report on the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff.

BURTON'S ALMSHOUSE.

An inscription on one of the benefaction tables in the parish church of Saint Thomas, records Mr. Symon Burton as "Founder of the almshouse for sixteen persons," in the year 1292.

We have been unable to gain any further information respecting the foundation thus recorded; nor do we find any subsequent mention of the almshouse, either on the tables in the church, or among any other of the parish documents, until about the beginning of the 16th century; after which period the several endowments, which we shall presently particularize, will be seen to date their respective origins.

If any inaccuracy might be supposed to have found its way, during the lapse of so many centuries, into the inscription as it now appears on the benefaction board, it would afford room for a surmise, that this almshouse was of a much later foundation than that which is above attributed to it; and that it derived its origin from John Burton, who, in the certificate of the commissioners under the statute of Chauntries, (now remaining in the Augmentation office) is stated to have founded a chauntry in Saint Thomas's church, "by licence of King Henry the Sixth, who, by his letters patent, did incorporate the same for a priest to sing in the said church, for ever; and part of the issues and profits of the lands to be bestowed in alms, as in buying wood and other charitable deeds, to the relief of the poor." The lands are certified of the yearly value of 14*l.* 4*s.*, whereof there was yearly paid to the relief of the poor people, 28*s.* 4*d.*

It ought not, however, to be omitted, that in the grant of Saint Thomas's market by Queen Elizabeth, in the 13th year of her reign, (which will be more particularly mentioned hereafter) this almshouse is spoken of as having existed "beyond the memory of man," having been maintained chiefly by the inhabitants of St. Thomas-street.

The following are the only benefactions to the almshouse of which we have been able to gain any authentic information :—

THOMAS WHITE'S BENEFACTION.

"1523, Thomas White, Esquire, some time mayor, gave 4*s*. per month for ever." (Ben. Tab.)

The particulars of this benefaction will be more fully stated in the sequel of our Report on the charities under the management of the corporation.

The monthly pension of 4*s*. is duly paid by the city chamberlain.

JOHN SPRINT'S BENEFACTION.

"1547, Mr. John Sprint gave 3*s*. 4*d*. on Good Friday for ever." (Ben. Tab.)

This annuity appears to have been specifically paid by the vestry out of the general funds of the parish, from the year 1709 to 1715 inclusive; from which time the specific payment has been discontinued. It may, however, have been included in a general allowance, which, for many years, has been supplied to the almspeople from the parish funds.

SILK'S BENEFACTION.

"1547, Mrs. Silk gave three shillings at Easter, and three at Christmas, for ever." (Ben. Tab.)

This benefaction has been already alluded to (as the gift of Mr. Silk,) in our Report of charities under the management of the corporation, (Sixth Rep.) *

The sum of 3*s*. is duly paid by the chamberlain at each of the periods prescribed.

WILLIAM PYKES'S BENEFACTION.

William Pykes, by his will, dated the 12th January, 1550, desired, among other things, that his executors, before the end of one year next after his decease, should purchase, in fee-simple, so much good land as should amount to the clear yearly value of 6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*., and that the same yearly rent thereof should be paid by the chamberlain of Bristol for the time being, to the poor people of the almshouse called Saint Thomas's almshouse, in the Long-row in Bristol, in manner following, viz. 33*s*. 4*d*. every quarter, at the four principal feasts of the year, within the said city, most commonly used, and that his said gift should have continuance for ever.

It appears from the vestry accounts, that the annual sum of 6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. by the description of Pykes's gift, was for many years paid out of a house in Bristol; and that this house being sold in the year 1760, under the powers of the Bridge Act, the sum of 186*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. was paid to the vestry in satisfaction of the annuity.

Since that period, the annuity of 6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. has been continued to the almshouse out of the general funds of the parish; which, it is to be observed, is about the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the money so paid to the vestry as above mentioned.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 99.

MATTHEW WARREN'S BENEFACTION.

It will be seen from an extract of the will of Matthew Warren, dated in 1634, which will appear among the miscellaneous charities of this parish, that he devised a rent-charge of 20*s*. on trust, that 10*s*. thereof should be yearly distributed on St. Thomas's day among the poor people of this almshouse.

The particulars of this charity, which has fallen into some confusion, will be more fully entered into when we come to the miscellaneous charities. It may suffice, at present, to state that no specific payment to the almshouse on account of this annuity now can be traced in any of the vestry books.

JOHN COX'S BENEFACTION.

"1647, Mr. John Cox gave 10*l*., the profit thereof to the almshouse upon St. John's day for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The annual sum of 10*s*. is allowed to the almspeople, in respect of this charity, out of the general funds of the parish.

ROBERT WORY'S BENEFACTION.

Robert Wory, by will, dated 19th March, 1687, gave to the almshouse in Saint Thomas parish, in Bristol, 100*l*., to purchase 5*l*. a year for the poor of that hospital for ever; but if the poor were not protestants, then the executors to dispose of it at their pleasure.

If there should be any thing remaining more, after several other legacies mentioned by him, he left it to the disposal of his executors to put out poor boys to prentice.

The sum of 4*l*. only is annually paid by the vestry to the poor almspeople, in respect of this benefaction.

We find no mention of any thing having been received for the purpose of apprenticing.

SAMUEL NELMES'S BENEFACTION.

It is stated, on the benefaction table, that Mr. Samuel Nelmes, in 1737, gave 10*l*., the profit thereof in coal to the poor in the almshouse on St. Thomas's day, yearly, for ever.

This benefaction appears credited in the vestry accounts for the year 1735; and by a resolution of the vestry, dated 23d January, 1739, it was ordered, that four per cent. interest should be allowed for it; which has been continued to the present day, producing the annual sum of 8*s*.

MARY DIBBLE'S BENEFACTION.

It is also stated on the benefaction table, that Mrs. Mary Dibble, in 1753, gave 30*l*., the interest to the poor in the almshouse discretionally.

This benefaction appears, from the vestry accounts, to have been received on the 21st June, 1753, and the annual sum of 1*l*. 4*s*. has been since allowed to the almspeople as the interest upon it.

THOMAS LEWIS'S BENEFACTION.

The benefaction table also states, that Mr. Thomas Lewis gave to the almshouse, in 1785, 20*l.*, the interest to be given in coals in the month of February for ever.

This gift is credited in the vestry accounts as having been received on the 23d December, 1785, and the annual sum of 16*s.* is allowed to the almspeople as the interest upon it.

HENRY DURBIN'S BENEFACTION.

The table further records, that Henry Durbin, Esquire, in the year 1800, gave to the almshouse the interest of 50*l.* on the 21st of December, for ever.

It appears by the vestry accounts that this benefaction, being given by will, was reduced by the legacy duty to the sum of 47*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, which was received by the vestry in October, 1800.

The annual sum of 2*l.*, which is allowed by the vestry as the interest, is divided at Christmas between the sixteen almswomen, in shares of 2*s.* 6*d.* each.

THE MAYOR'S GIFT.

The sum of 10*s.* is annually paid to the vestry by the city chamberlain, and by them paid over to the almspeople by the name of the Mayor's Gift; the particulars of which charity (as far as we have been able to collect them) have been already given in our Report on the charities of Redcliff Parish.

PROFITS OF THE MARKET.

The almspeople are also entitled to participate in the profits of a market held in Saint Thomas-street, the origin and particulars of which are reserved for a distinct head in a subsequent part of this Report.

It will be there seen, that the annual profits accruing to the vestry, on account of the market, amount, in the whole, to the sum of 170*l.* That sum is blended with the general funds of the parish; but out of those funds a weekly stipend of 8*s.* is allowed by the vestry to the poor people residing in the almshouse. It does not appear, whether the whole of that allowance (amounting to 20*l.* 16*s.* per annum) is paid to them on account of their proportion of the profits of the market, or whether it was also intended to include the respective annuities of Sprint and Warren above-mentioned, and the respective sums of 5*l.* and 3*l.* to which we shall presently advert. If those several sums are to be considered as included, the allowance from the general funds of the vestry will be reduced to little more than 12*l.* per annum, which we cannot but consider as bearing a very small proportion to the profits actually derived from the market, even after making due allowances for the additional expense to the parish of keeping the almshouse in competent repair. And we cannot but express our disapprobation of such a practice, as that of blending different sums in one general payment, without specifying what particular claims that payment is intended to answer.

PROFITS OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

The sum of 3*l.* is annually received by the vestry, from R. Hassel, for the rent of a cellar under the almshouse; and the further sum of 5*l.* from the corporation of the poor, originally granted, as it is supposed, for the privilege of placing a certain number of parish paupers in the almshouse. We do not find, however, that any such privilege is at present enjoyed by that body, although, in the appointment of the almspeople, persons receiving relief from them do not appear to be excluded.

These two sums are carried by the vestry to their general account, and it remains uncertain whether any allowance is made to the almspeople in satisfaction of them.

The following summary will show the total annual amount of the payments which are made to the almspeople, and also the amount of the moneys which have been received by the vestry to their use:—

	Money received by the Vestry.			Annual Allowance in respect thereof.			Other Annual Payments.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Thomas White's	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	0
Silk's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Pyke's	186	13	4	6	13	4	0	0	0
Cox's	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
Wory's	100	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Nelmes's	10	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Dibble's	30	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0
Lewis's	20	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0
Durbin's	47	7	9	2	0	0	0	0	0
The Mayor's gift	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Weekly allowance of 8*s.*	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	16	0
	404	1	1	15	11	4	24	0	0
							15	11	4
To which there will in future be to be added (if not already included in the weekly allowance of 8*s.*)							39	11	4
Sprint's	.....			.....			0	3	4
Warren's	.....			.....			0	10	0
Profits of the almshouse	.....			.....			8	0	0
							£48	4	8

We postpone an observation, on the rate of interest allowed by the vestry, until the close of our account of the miscellaneous charities.

The almspeople of this foundation are sixteen in number. They are appointed by the vestry from among the poor and infirm old women of the parish, and they participate, in a small proportion, in the general charities to the poor of the parish.

MISCELLANEOUS CHARITIES.

WALTER WEST'S CHARITY.

THE following statement is extracted from an old parish book. Walter West, of the city of Bristol, baker, being seised in fee of a messuage, backside, and garden, in Redcliff-street, in the city of Bristol, by his last will and testament in writing, dated 24th April, 1657, [1567] did devise and give the same in these words; viz.

"I give and bequeath my tenement, with the appurtenances, in Redcliff-street, wherein Robert Kirks, clothier, dwelleth, to Elizabeth, my wife, for the term of her life; and after her decease, I will that the same tenement, with the appurtenances, and the rents, profits, and advantages of the same shall remain to the use of the poor people within the parish of St. Thomas, in Bristol, and to the relief of the poor prisoners in the gaol of Newgate within the same city for ever, to be settled and disposed for that use by the good advice of the mayor and aldermen of the said city, with the consent of my overseers."

Of which will he made Elizabeth, his wife, executrix, and named four overseers.

Elizabeth West proved the will after his death, and held the tenement during her life, and died in the year 1587; afterwards default of payment being made of the 30*s*. (being the yearly rent the said messuage was let at), an agreement was made between Nicholas Deyos (the heir at law of Walter West), and the mayor and aldermen of the city of Bristol, that the said Nicholas should have the house in fee-farm, paying 40*s*. yearly, whereas the same then yielded but 30*s*. per annum, during the life of Christian Vincy, which agreement was carried into effect by deeds respectively dated 3d March, 11 Jac. I, and 22d April, 12 Jac. I.

"This yearly sum of 40*s*. is, by agreement of the mayor and aldermen, paid, and to continue payable, yearly for ever as follows; viz. 20*s*. yearly, to the poor of St. Thomas's parish in Bristol, and the other 20*s*. to the poor prisoners in Newgate within the said city. The first 20*s*. to be paid to the churchwardens, to be by them distributed to the poor of St. Thomas."

The premises subject to this annual rent of 40*s*. are at present the property of Mr. George Gee. The sum of 20*s*. is duly paid to the churchwardens agreeably to the foregoing arrangement, and forms part of a fund appropriated to the purchase of weekly bread for the poor.

The other moiety of the rent, payable to the poor prisoners in Newgate, does not appear to have been received for many years; it will be further adverted to in the sequel of our Report on the Charities vested in the corporation of Bristol.

CHARITIES OF CHRISTOPHER WOODWARD AND ELEANOR WOODWARD.

It appears from a new trust deed of these charities, dated 17th October, 13 Car. II, that Eleanor Woodward, late wife of Christopher Woodward deceased, by her will, dated 13th January, 1634, after reciting that her said late husband had given by his will 10*l.* for a sermon to be preached on New Year's day in St. Thomas's church, which legacy she had not yet paid, gave and devised out of one messuage or tenement, known by the name of Coldharborough, the orchard and garden thereunto adjoining, containing ten acres, one close of arable or pasture, containing three acres, and one other close, containing two acres, situate in the parish of Henbury, in the county of Gloucester, to certain trustees in her said will named ; one rent-charge of 4*l.* to be yearly for ever issuing out of the same premises on the feast-day of St. Thomas the Apostle for ever, to the use, intent, and purpose, that the sermon directed by her said late husband should be preached in the parish church of St. Thomas on New Year's day in the afternoon, and that the minister preaching the same should receive, on the same day for the same, the sum of 10*s.*; and that there should be distributed on the same day for ever, among the poor people of the said parish of Saint Thomas, the sum of 10*s.* And to the further intent, that a sermon should be preached in the said parish church of St. Thomas yearly, on the day that the parishioners of the said parish should go in perambulation about the bounds of the said parish in the forenoon, and that the minister preaching the same should have 10*s.*; and that there should be distributed on the same day, among the poor people of the said parish, the sum of 10*s.*

The premises charged with the above-mentioned annuity of 4*l.* are at present the property of Lord de Clifford. The portion due to the parish of St. Thomas is regularly paid, after deducting 8*s.* for land-tax. It is divided into four equal parts of 8*s.* each, of which two parts are paid to the minister for two sermons respectively preached on the days prescribed by the testatrix, and the remaining two are distributed with other moneys among the poor of the parish at Christmas.

CHARITIES OF ROBERT ROGERS AND SIR RICHARD ROGERS.

Bread and Sermon.—The particulars of these charities have been already stated in part, in our account of the charities in the parish of St. Mary Redcliff. We have there shown, that, under the will of Sir Richard Rogers, the parish of St. Thomas had been

entitled to a rent-charge of 7*l.* for weekly bread to the poor, and a further rent-charge of 1*l.* for a sermon to be preached by the minister on a day to be appointed by the vestry,—that the premises subject to these charges had been subsequently conveyed to the use of the several parishes of St. Thomas, Redcliff, and Temple, in the proportions of one half to St. Thomas, and one fourth to each of the other two,—and that for the interest of St. Thomas in these premises, and also in another small tenement, the sum of 214*l.* had been paid to that parish in the year 1762, upon the sale of the respective premises under the powers of the Bridge Act.

As it appears that the sum of 96*l.* 10*s.* was paid to each of the parishes of Redcliff and Temple for their respective fourths of Rogers's premises, and as there is no reason to doubt that a fair apportionment had taken place between the three parishes, it follows, that the sum of 193*l.* must have been received by the parish of St. Thomas in respect of its half of the same premises, leaving 21*l.* for its interest in the other small tenement. The extent of this interest will be more particularly stated in the account which we shall presently give of Thomas Longman's charity.

For the money thus received by the parish, it appears that the annual sum of 7*l.* is allowed in weekly bread, and the further sum of 1*l.* for a sermon preached by the minister on Easter Monday.

Further sermon.—The said Sir Richard Rogers, by his will before-mentioned, after reciting that his father had given a sermon to St. Thomas's church, further gave for the doing thereof to the said feoffees of St. Thomas's church lands, 20*s.* per annum for ever, out of the said corner messuage, or tenement, which he had already charged with the said several annuities before specified.

It seems to have been soon afterwards considered that the rents of the house so charged might prove inadequate to the several payments imposed upon it, and a further provision was therefore made by Lady Rogers for the last-mentioned annuity, by the payment of 20*l.* to the corporation of Bristol. This transaction is evidenced by the following entry in the audit book of the corporation for the year 1640; viz.—

"Received of the Lady Rogers, by the hands of Mr. Francis Creswick, the sum of 20*l.*, for the settling of 20*s.* yearly, for a sermon at St. Thomas's church, on Innocents-day, of the gift of Mr. Robert Rogers, late mayor and alderman of this city, deceased."

This annuity has been since duly paid by the corporation, for a sermon, which the minister annually preaches on the day specified.

MATHEW WARREN'S CHARITY.

Mathew Warren, by will, dated the 24th January, 1634, gave for a stock for the poor of St. Thomas's parish, within the city of Bristol, 10*l.* to be paid to the church-wardens and overseers of the poor of the same parish within six months next after his decease. He further gave and devised to those persons, who should be feoffees of the lands and tenements belonging to the parish church of St. Thomas at the time of his death, and to their heirs and assigns for ever, one annuity or yearly sum of 20*s.* to be

issuing out of his messuage, tenement, and dyehouse, with the appurtenances, situate in the corner next to his then dwelling-house in Tucker's-street, within the said city, and to be paid on the feast day of the Purification of the blessed Virgin Mary, yearly, for ever, to the said feoffees, their heirs or assigns, or to the churchwardens of the same parish for the time being, upon trust that they the said feoffees, their heirs or assigns, or the said churchwardens, should, with 10*s*. thereof, cause a sermon to be preached, in St. Thomas's church aforesaid, on the second Sunday in Lent, yearly, for ever; and the other 10*s*. should, on the said second Sunday in Lent, yearly, for ever, pay and distribute amongst the poor people of the almshouse of St. Thomas aforesaid.

We have found no mention in the parish books of the receipt of the 10*l*. destined for a stock for the poor; but, as many of the earlier parish accounts are missing, the silence of such as are still extant does not necessarily negative the fact of such receipt; and although we have been able to trace no allowance to the poor in respect of that fund specifically, yet we find, from an early period, annual charges in the accounts of the churchwardens, for bread and money supplied to the poor; and in an analytical statement of the particulars of the bread-money, which is entered in one of the parish books, under the date of September 7th, 1786, we find the annual sum of 10*s*. included as the gift of Mathew Warren. This sum, it is to be presumed, was originally intended as interest on the 10*l*. given for a stock, although its correspondence in amount with the moiety of the rent-charge destined for the poor of the almshouse appears to have given rise to some doubt and confusion upon the subject, as the following inscription on the benefaction table may tend to show:—

"Mr. Mathew Warren, the elder, 10*l*. for a stock, to the use of the poor in the almshouse, for ever; and 10*s*. for a sermon, and 1*s*. to the clerk, yearly."

This inscription, although erroneous in other particulars, seems to bear sufficient testimony to the bequest of 10*l*. in money,; and as it was clearly not copied from the will, it was probably from a credit given for the receipt of that money in some of the parish accounts (since lost,) that the fact of such a bequest was collected.

The premises charged with the annuity of 20*s*. are at present the property of Messrs. John and Henry Kater, by whom the payment is duly made to the vestry. The sum of 10*s*. is regularly paid to the minister for a sermon, which he preaches on the day prescribed by the will. The remaining 10*s*. are not specifically included in any of the disbursements made by the vestry; but it is possible that regard may have been had to that sum in fixing the weekly allowance of 8*s*. to the poor people of Burton's almshouse, which (as we have already stated in our Report on that foundation), is at present supplied to them from the parish funds.

WILLIAM PITT'S CHARITY.

The particulars of this charity will be given in our Report of the charities of Temple parish, where it will be seen that the sum of 80*l*. was derived under the will of William

Pitt, for the benefit of the three parishes of St. Mary Redcliff, Temple, and St. Thomas; and that it was agreed to lay out that sum in the purchase of lands, of the rents of which six-sixteenths were to be for the use of St. Thomas's parish. It will be seen also that this joint purchase was not effected, but that the sum of 25*l.* (part of the 80*l.*) was paid to the parish of Redcliff, (the appropriation of which has been noticed in our account of the charities of that parish), and the further sum of 25*l.* to the parish of Temple, the application of which we have endeavoured to trace among the charities of that parish. There remained therefore 30*l.* for the parish of St. Thomas, (being in the proportion of six-sixteenths of 80*l.*;) and accordingly the sum of 30*l.* is recorded on the benefaction table, under the date of 1639, to have been given by William Pitt for the poor for ever.

There is no acknowledgment in any of the existing books of the parish of the receipt of this money, nor can we discover that any allowance has been ever made to the poor in respect of it. But there appears no reasonable ground for doubting that the money was duly received by the parish of St. Thomas as by the two other parishes, and applied, in common with their other charitable funds, to the general purposes of the parish.

MARY STILES'S CHARITY.

Mary Stiles, by will, dated the 5th August, 1641, gave, towards the raising and increasing of a stock for the poor of St. Thomas, Temple, and Redcliff parishes, 10*l.* for each parish.

It appears that the 10*l.* for the use of St. Thomas's parish came to the hands of Richard Hort, one of the churchwardens, who died without accounting for it. After his death, his son and executor having removed from the neighbourhood, and some difficulty being apprehended in the recovery of the money, Mathew Warren the younger undertook to pay the sum of 10*l.* to the churchwardens in satisfaction of the said legacy, on receiving from them an assignment of the debt so due from the estate of Richard Hort. This assignment was executed on the 18th August, 1644; and (interest being in the mean time allowed by Mathew Warren) we find credit in the vestry accounts of 1647-8 for the principal sum of 10*l.* as received from him for the gift of Mary Stiles.

The annual sum of 8*s.* is now allowed by the vestry in respect of this charity, and forms part of the money-fund distributed among the poor of the parish at Christmas.

JULIAN STIBBINS'S CHARITY.

Julian Stibbins, by will, dated 1st July, 1651, gave to the poor of the parish of St. Thomas, for ever, one annuity of 20*s.* issuing out of her messuage or tenement then in the tenure of Arthur Farmer, situate in Redcliff-street, to be paid to the churchwardens

of the parish of St. Thomas, to and for the use, relief, and comfort of the poor people of the said parish, to be distributed among them by the churchwardens on the 21st day of December, yearly, for ever.

The premises subject to this annuity consist at present of a large druggist's shop and warehouse, the property of Mr. Thomas Corser. The annuity is duly paid, and also forms a part of the fund distributed at Christmas.

CHRISTOPHER TOVY'S CHARITY.

It is recorded on the benefaction table, that Mr. Christopher Tovy gave, in 1656, 20*l.*, the profit thereof weekly to the poor, for ever.

The sum of 20*s.* as the annual allowance of the vestry in respect of this gift, is included in the statement made in 1786 of the particulars of the bread fund, to which we have already alluded.

CHARITIES OF GEORGE HELLIER AND SAMUEL HELLIER.

The benefaction table also records that, in 1656, Mr. George Hellier, alderman, gave 20*l.* the profit thereof, 10*s.* yearly for a sermon; the rest, for ever, to the poor in bread; and that, in 1658, Mr. Samuel Hellier gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof weekly to the poor, for ever.

In the vestry accounts for the year 1657-8, credit is given for the sum of 30*l.* received of Mrs. Hellier, which may be presumed to have been in satisfaction of these two gifts.

In the same year there is a charge of 10*s.* paid for Alderman Hellier's sermon, and a further charge of 1*l.* 6*s.* for one year's bread for Alderman Hellier, at 6*d.* per week; which two sums amount together to 1*l.* 16*s.* being at the rate of six per cent. interest on 30*l.* No specific charge for bread on account of these charities appears in any of the subsequent accounts; but in the statement of the bread fund, made in 1786, as before-mentioned, the annual sum of 10*s.* is included for Samuel Hellier's and the like sum for George Hellier's gift, which sums added to the 10*s.* for the sermon (the annual charge for which has regularly continued), make together the sum of 30*s.*, being at the rate of five per cent. interest on the principal sum of 30*l.*

A sermon appears to be regularly preached by the minister on Christmas-day, in consideration of the 10*s.* paid him on account of Alderman Hellier's charity.

THOMAS LONGMAN'S CHARITY.

It is further recorded on the benefaction table, that, in 1658, Mr. Thomas Longman gave 30*s*. upon St. Thomas's-day to six housekeepers, yearly, for ever.

This gift is further evidenced by an indenture, dated the 11th July, 1712, whereby, after reciting that Ezekiel Longman, party to that indenture, was seised in fee of a little shop, situate in St. Thomas-street, out of which shop there was issuing and payable to the feoffees of St. Thomas church lands, for ever, the yearly rent or sum of 1*l*. 10*s*., being the gift of Mr. Thomas Longman, to six poor housekeepers of the said parish, on St. Thomas's-day, yearly for ever; the said Ezekiel Longman demised the said shop to the said feoffees for the term of 1,000 years, at the yearly rent of 3*l*. 10*s*., with liberty to retain the said annuity of 1*l*. 10*s*., to be applied to the uses for which the same was so given as aforesaid by the said Thomas Longman.

The shop which was thus demised is the small tenement to which we alluded in our account of Rogers's charities, where we have shown, that, for the interest of the parish of St. Thomas in this tenement and two others, the sum of 214*l*. was paid to the vestry in the year 1762. We have there, also, stated our reasons for concluding that the proportion of that money, which was paid in respect of this annuity of 30*s*., did not exceed the sum 21*l*.

The full sum of 30*s*. has, however, continued to be annually paid by the vestry on account of this charity. It is distributed at Christmas, among six poor families of the parish, in shares of 5*s*. each.

CHARITIES OF EDMUND DENTON AND ELIZABETH DENTON.

1659, Edmund Denton, in the county of Buckingham, Esq., and Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Rogers, Knight, gave 45*l*. to the poor of this parish, for ever, the profit of which is weekly to be distributed to them in bread."—(Ben. Tab.)

The annual sum of 2*l*. 5*s*., in respect of these charities, is included in the bread account.

FRANCIS GLEED'S CHARITY.

The particulars of this charity have been already given in our report of the charities in Redcliff parish.

The sum of 38*s*., which is received by the parish of St. Thomas, is divided at Michaelmas between four poor housekeepers of the parish, not receiving alms, in shares of 9*s*. 6*d*. each.

JOHN POPE'S CHARITY.

By indenture, dated 1st August, 1671, Richard Pope, in pursuance and performance of the last will and testament of John Pope, his deceased father, gave and granted to Thomas Day and others, feoffees of St. Thomas church-lands, and their heirs, one annuity or yearly rent of 30*s*. to be issuing out of the messuage or tenement, then known by the name or sign of the Stars, situate over against the parish church of St. Thomas, payable at Michaelmas, for ever, upon trust and confidence, and to the intent and purpose, that they, their heirs, and assigns, should, with 10*s*. of the said yearly rent, cause a sermon to be preached in St. Thomas church, on the Sunday next after the feast-day of All Saints, yearly, for ever; and the other 20*s*. to be distributed on the same day to such poor of the same parish as should not receive weekly alms, at the discretion of the churchwardens and overseers there for the time being.

The messuage charged with this annual payment is still a public-house, which is at present known by the name of the Seven Stars. It is the property of David Reece Thomas, by whom the annuity of 30*s*. is duly paid.

Of this annuity, 10*s*. are paid to the minister for a sermon, which he preaches, in compliance with the provisions of the will, on the day therein prescribed. The remaining 20*s*. are divided at Christmas among four poor families of the parish, not receiving alms, in shares of 5*s*. each.

MICHAEL DEYOS'S CHARITY.

Michael Deyos, by will, dated 12th October, 1671, gave, out of all that his messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, situate in Redcliff-street, in the parish of St. Thomas, the yearly rent of 40*s*., for ever, which he willed should be yearly laid out in bread and coal, and distributed among four housekeepers of the said parish of St. Thomas on St. Thomas's-day, yearly, besides one other yearly rent-charge of 40*s*. theretofore given out of the said messuage and premises by his grandfather West.

The premises, subject to this annual charge, are at present the property of George Gee, being the same of which mention has been already made in our account of Walter West's charity.

This annuity of 40*s*. is duly paid, and is divided at Christmas among four poor widows of the parish, in shares of 10*s*. each, to be disposed of by them in the purchase of bread or coals at their pleasure.

ARTHUR FARMER'S CHARITY.

It will be seen, by the extract which we have already given of the will of Arthur Farmer in the report on Redcliff parish, that the testator gave 40*l.*, the interest to be yearly distributed, at or about the feast-day of All-Saints, to six several poor families in the parish of St. Thomas.

This legacy appears credited in the vestry accounts for the year 1669, and the annual sum of 1*l.* 12*s.*, as interest upon it, is divided at Michaelmas among six poor families of the parish, in shares of 5*s.* 4*d.* each.

GEORGE LONGMAN'S CHARITY.

By indenture, dated 9th February, 1669, after reciting that George Longman, citizen and mercer of London, deceased, gave, by will, to the churchwardens and parishioners of St. Thomas Parish, in Bristol, wherein he was born, the full sum of 50*l.* to purchase therewith some annuity or yearly rent-charge, for ever, of 3*l.* or more per annum, which he willed should be by them and their successors, yearly, for ever, disposed of as follows; viz. 20*s.*, part thereof to the minister of the said parish, to preach a sermon in the church of the said parish, yearly, for ever, on the same day of the month on which the testator should happen to decease, unless the Sabbath-day, then to be preached on the day following; and 5*s.* more thereof he gave to the clerk of the said parish, and 2*s.* 6*d.* to the sexton, for their attendance there on that day; and the residue of the said annuity of 3*l.* or more that should be purchased, he gave and bequeathed unto and amongst such poor people of the said parish as should resort to and be present at the said sermon, to be distributed amongst them yearly on the day of his death, after the said sermon ended; and after the death of the said George Longman, Ann Longman and James Longman, executors of the said will, to the end that the good and charitable intention of the testator might be for ever thereafter observed, had by agreement with John Willoughby and others, surviving feoffees, amongst other lands and tenements, of the messuage and tenement after-mentioned, paid unto them the sum of 50*l.* to have one yearly rent-charge of 3*l.* assured out of the messuage and tenement after-mentioned; it was witnessed, that the said John Willoughby and the others granted to the said James Longman and others, one annuity or yearly rent-charge of 3*l.*, to be issuing out of all that messuage and tenement, theretofore having been two messuages, situate in the parish of St. Thomas, in the said indenture more particularly described; to hold to the grantees, their heirs and assigns, for ever, upon trust, from time to time, upon receipt of the said yearly rent-charge of 3*l.* to pay over the same to the churchwardens of the said parish of St. Thomas, to be by them yearly, on the 14th day of February, being the day of the

month whereon the said George Longman died, paid and distributed, to and for the uses, intents, and purposes, expressed in the said will. And it was provided, that the payment of the said 3*l.* yearly to the churchwardens of St. Thomas, to perform the good and charitable gift, should be as effectual payment as if the same had been made to the said James Longman and the others.

We have not been able to identify the particular premises which were made subject to this annual rent-charge of 3*l.*; but there is no ground for supposing that they do not continue vested in the feoffees of Saint Thomas's church-lands.

The sum of 20*s.* is paid by the vestry to the minister of the parish, for a sermon which he preaches on the 14th or 15th of February, agreeably to the provisions of the will, the respective sums of 5*s.* and 2*s.* 6*d.* are paid to the clerk and sexton for their attendance, and the sum of 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* is distributed in bread on the same day, among the poor of the parish. These several payments amount together to the sum of 2*l.* 10*s.*, which is all that appears to have been allowed by the vestry in respect to this charity for a great many years; though we find that the full sum of 3*l.* was formerly duly paid by them, the sum 1*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* having been then distributed among the poor.

It is possible that the grant of the annuity, which is not noticed on the benefaction table, may, in process of time, have escaped recollection, and that the reduction in the amount of the annual payments may have arisen from an erroneous notion, that those payments were made as an allowance of interest on the 50*l.* originally left by the testator, and that it was competent to the vestry to reduce the rate of that allowance from six to five per cent. The error of that notion is sufficiently manifested by the foregoing abstract of the deed.

EDWARD MORGAN'S CHARITY.

By an indenture, dated 27th March, 1673, in which it is recited that Edward Morgan, late one of the aldermen of the city of Bristol, by deed, in his life-time, granted to Henry Gleson, George White, and another since deceased, all that messuage, tenement, and lands, meadow and pasture, thereto belonging, situate in Tockington, in the parish of Aldmonsbury (Amesbury), in the county of Gloucester, upon trust, to permit and suffer the same, amongst other premises, to be held and enjoyed by such person and persons, for such estate and estates, to whom, and as, he by his last will and testament in writing should give, devise, or appoint the same; and that the said Edward Morgan afterwards by his will in writing, dated 22d February, 1669, gave, after the decease of his wife, out of his said messuage and lands, described in his said will as situate at Pilnen, at Tockington aforesaid, twelve-pence a week for ever, which he willed should be weekly laid out in bread, and distributed to and amongst the poor people of the parish of St. Thomas, in Bristol; and he willed that his said trustees should further charge the said tenement and lands with the said weekly sum of twelve-pence, in such manner as by counsel they should be advised: it is witnessed that the said Henry Gleson

and George White, in pursuance of the trust reposed in them, did thereby grant and confirm unto Edward Young, and others, one yearly rent-charge or sum of 52*s.* to be issuing out of all that the said messuage, tenement, and lands afore-mentioned, to be situate in Tockington aforesaid, to hold to the grantees, their heirs and assigns, for ever, and to be paid at Lady-day and Michaelmas by equal portions, upon trust, upon receipt of the same, to pay over the same to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of St. Thomas, to be by them distributed to and amongst the said poor in bread, for the performance of the said good and charitable gift of the said Edward Morgan.

The premises thus charged are at present the property of Robert Parfitt, by whom the annuity of 52*s.* is duly paid. It is included among the items of the weekly bread account.

SIR WILLIAM PENN'S CHARITY.

We have shown among the charities of Redcliff parish, that Sir William Penn gave, by his will, a legacy of 20*l.*, to the poor of the parish of St. Thomas. The benefaction table, however, records the sum of 30*l.* as the gift of that benefactor, the profit thereof to the poor for ever; and we find credit given for the latter sum in the vestry accounts for the year 1670.

The annual sum of 1*l.* 4*s.*, which is allowed by the vestry in respect of this charity, is divided at Christmas between six poor families of the parish, in shares of 4*s.* each.

JAMES BRATHWAITE'S CHARITY.

The benefaction table further records, that Mr. James Brathwaite, in 1672, gave 10*l.* to the use of the poor on the 22d October, for ever.

The annual sum of 8*s.* is allowed by the vestry in respect of this charity, and is divided at Michaelmas between four poor housekeepers of the parish, in shares of 2*s.* each.

CHRISTOPHER BRINSDON'S CHARITY.

Christopher Brinsdon, by will, dated 4th May, 1673, gave to the feoffees of the lands belonging to the parish church of St. Thomas, in the city of Bristol, the sum of 30*l.*; and his will was that the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns, should, yearly for

ever, employ and bestow the yearly interest and increase of the said 30*l.*, in manner following; viz. to the minister of the said parish for preaching a sermon on St. Bartholomew's-day, 10*s.* per annum; to the clerk on the same day 2*s.* 6*d.*; to the sexton 1*s.* 6*d.*; and to and amongst the poor of the said parish, the whole overplus of the yearly interest and increase of the said 30*l.*, the same to be distributed in bread yearly on the same day, by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish.

The sum of 30*s.* is annually allowed by the vestry on account of this charity, of which 10*s.* are paid to the minister for a sermon which he preaches on St. Bartholomew's day, the respective sums of 2*s.* 6*d.* and 1*s.* 6*d.* to the clerk and sexton for their attendance, and the remaining 16*s.* are laid out in bread, which is distributed about the same time among the poor of the parish.

EDWARD GRANT'S CHARITY.

"1674, Mr. Edward Grant gave 30*l.*, the profit thereof to poor housekeepers of this parish yearly for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The annual sum of 24*s.*, which is allowed by the vestry in respect of this charity, is divided at Christmas among six poor families of the parish, in shares of 4*s.* each.

JAMES FREND'S CHARITY.

"1677, Mr. James Frend gave 20*l.*, the profit thereof in equal distribution to four poor sick families yearly for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The annual sum of 16*s.*, which is allowed by the vestry in respect of this charity, is divided at Christmas between four poor families, in shares of 4*s.* each.

SAMUEL WHARTON'S CHARITY.

By indenture, dated 12th October, 1678, Samuel Wharton granted to Richard Benson and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, one annuity or yearly sum of 20*s.* to be issuing out of all that his messuage, tenement, and garden ground, situate in Temple-street, in the parish of Temple, in Bristol, payable at Michaelmas and Lady-day, by equal portions, upon trust, to pay over the said yearly rent to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of St. Thomas, to be by them on St. Thomas's-day,

yearly for ever, distributed and disposed to and among four such poor householders or widows of the same parish not receiving weekly alms, by 5*s.* to each, as they the said churchwardens and overseers, or the major part of them, should in their discretion think meet. With a further grant of 5*s.* (*nomine pœnæ*) for ten days default after either day of payment.

The premises charged with this annuity of 20*s.* are at present the property of William Williams, by whom the payment is duly made. It is divided at Christmas between four poor householders of the parish, in shares of 5*s.* each.

NEHEMIAH WEBB'S CHARITY.

"1683, Mr. Nehemiah Webb gave 20*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor at Michaelmas yearly for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The annual sum of 16*s.* is allowed by the vestry on account of this charity, and is divided at Michaelmas among four poor parishioners, in shares of 4*s.* each.

MICHAEL HUNT'S CHARITY.

"1684, Mr. Michael Hunt gave 20*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor, on the 1st day of March, yearly, for ever."—(Ben Tab.)

The annual sum of 16*s.* is also allowed by the vestry on account of this charity, and is divided at Michaelmas between eight poor parishioners, in shares of 2*s.* each.

RICHARD BRAYFIELD'S CHARITY.

Richard Brayfield, by will, dated 13th August, 1669, gave to the parish church of St. Thomas, the sum of 10*l.* to remain as a stock, and to be laid out in bread, and bestowed every Christmas on four householders.

The sum of 8*s.* is annually allowed by the vestry in respect of this legacy. It is divided at Christmas between four poor householders, in shares of 2*s.* each.

ROBERT AMBERSON'S CHARITY.

"1685, Mr. Robert Amberson gave 100*l.*, the profit thereof to six poor householders not receiving alms, yearly, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The annual sum of 4*l.*, which is allowed by the vestry on account of this charity, is divided at Christmas between six poor householders not receiving parish relief, in shares of 13*s.* 4*d.* each.

SAMUEL HALE'S CHARITY.

We have already shown, in our Report of Redcliff parish, that the parish of St. Thomas was entitled, under the will of Samuel Hale, to a legacy of 10*l.*, the interest to be distributed in weekly bread among the poor, and also to a participation in the profits of the sum of 230*l.* for placing out apprentices.

We have found no acknowledgment of the receipt of the 10*l.* in any of the accounts which are yet extant; nor do we discover among the parish disbursements any specific allowance in respect of that legacy. It is, however, recorded on the benefaction table; and as other parishes appear to have received the like legacies bequeathed to them by the same will, there seems little reason to doubt that the 10*l.* to the parish of St. Thomas was also paid, although, from the chasm in the earlier accounts of the parish, it cannot now be traced. The practice which obtained from an early period of blending the several charitable disbursements in one or two general charges, without particularising the items composing them, may sufficiently account for the absence of any specific allowance in the churchwarden's accounts in respect of this charity, without leading to the conclusion, that no allowance has in fact been made. It will be seen, that the bread account may admit of such an addition.

The only mention that we have found in the books of this parish, relative to the fund for apprenticing, is contained in the following vestry order:—

"1st April, 1700.—It is ordered, that care be taken of the gift of Mr. Hale, being 4*l.* once in three years, to place poor children apprentice."

CHARLES HERBERT'S CHARITY.

"1687, Mr. Charles Herbert gave 10*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor of this parish, yearly, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The sum of 8*s.*, which is annually allowed by the vestry on account of this gift, is distributed at Christmas among the poor of the parish.

JAMES SEWARD'S CHARITY.

"1693, James Seward gave 10*l.*, the profit to be disposed to the poor on Sunday, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The annual sum of 10*s.*, in respect of this gift, is included among the items of the weekly bread account.

EDWARD LAGGATT'S CHARITY.

"1695, Edward Laggatt, of Chew-Stoke, gave 20*l.*, the profit to the poor of this parish, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The annual sum of 16*s.* is allowed by the vestry on account of this gift, and is divided at Christmas among four poor families of the parish, in shares of 4*s.* each.

JOHN GORE'S CHARITY.

"1699, John Gore gave 20*l.*, the profit thereof, viz. during his life, 12*s.* to four the most aged persons in the almshouse, two men and two women, and 12*s.* to four poor housekeepers not receiving alms; and, after his decease, to eight like poor housekeepers on St. John's day, yearly, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The annual sum of 16*s.* is all that has been allowed by the vestry for many years, as the interest of this gift. It is divided at Christmas among eight poor housekeepers of the parish, in shares of 2*s.* each.

JOHN WORGAN'S CHARITY.

"1701, Mr. John Worgan gave 50*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor, of which this parish hath 32*s.* per annum, for eight housekeepers, viz. 4*s.* each, on the 29th September, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

It appears from the churchwarden's accounts for 1728, that the sum of 32*l.* was received in that year from the corporation of the poor of the city of Bristol, in satisfaction

of the portion of the above-mentioned gift, which belonged to the parish of St. Thomas. In what manner the remainder was disposed of, or to what particular uses it was applicable, we have not as yet discovered.

For the 32*l.* thus received by the churchwardens, the annual sum of 32*s.* is allowed by the vestry, which is divided at Michaelmas between eight poor housekeepers of the parish, in shares of 4*s.* each.

JOHN HIPSLY'S CHARITY.

"1706, Mr. John Hipsly gave 40*l.*, the profit, viz. 20*s.* per annum, to the minister for catechizing the children, and reading prayers on week days; and 20*s.* per annum to four poor sick families of this parish for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The sum of 20*s.* which is annually divided at Christmas among four poor families of the parish, in shares of 5*s.* each, is all that we find specifically allowed by the vestry on account of this charity. The annuity of 20*s.* to the minister, notwithstanding the publicity of the benefaction-tables, appears to have hitherto escaped attention.

SIR THOMAS DAY'S CHARITY.

"1709, Sir Thomas Day, Knight, gave 50*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor in bread, weekly, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

This gift is credited in the vestry accounts for 1711, as received in that year from Lady Ann Day; and the sum of 50*s.* is included in the weekly bread account, as the annual interest allowed by the vestry upon it.

CHARLES JONES'S CHARITY.

"1714, Charles Jones gave 20*l.*, the profit thereof to the poor of this parish, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

This gift is credited in the vestry accounts for the year 1720; and the sum of 16*s.* is annually distributed, on account of it, among the poor of the parish at Christmas.

JOHN NEWMAN'S CHARITY.

"1724, John Newman gave 26*l.*, the profit thereof in bread to the poor of this parish, on Sundays, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

This gift is credited in the vestry accounts for the year 1723-4; and the sum of 1*l.* 6*s.* appears among the items of the weekly bread account, as the annual allowance of the vestry in respect thereof.

ALETHEA HOPKINS'S CHARITY.

"1726, Mrs. Alethea Hopkins gave 20*l.*, the profit thereof to four sick families of this parish, not receiving alms, quarterly, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

This gift is credited in the vestry accounts for the same year; and the annual sum of 16*s.*, which is allowed by the vestry as interest upon it, is divided at Michaelmas among four poor parishioners, in shares of 4*s.* each.

MATHEW WORGAN'S CHARITY.

"1727, Mr. Mathew Worgan gave 40*l.*, the profit thereof to eight poor families of this parish not receiving alms, on the 28th of October, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

This gift appears credited in the vestry accounts for 1727; the annual sum of 1*l.* 12*s.*, which is allowed by the vestry in respect thereof, is divided at Michaelmas among eight poor parishioners, in shares of 4*s.* each.

MORRIS THOMAS'S CHARITY.

"1730, Morris Thomas gave 20*l.*, the interest to the poor in bread, on the 1st of March, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

This gift appears credited in the vestry accounts for 1729-30; and the bread account is understood to include an annual allowance of 20*s.* in respect of this charity. There does not, however, appear, in the later accounts, any distribution to that amount on the day specified in the foregoing inscription.

MARY SMITH'S CHARITY.

THE particulars of this charity have been given at length in the report on the parish of St. Mary Redcliff.

The portion which came to the parish of St. Thomas appears to have been added to the Christmas distribution.

EDWARD DOWELL'S CHARITY.

"1737, Mr. Edward Dowell gave 100*l.*, the profit thereof to forty poor housekeepers of this parish, on St. Thomas's-day, yearly, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The annual sum of 4*l.*, which is allowed by the vestry in respect of this charity, is distributed at Christmas among forty poor parishioners, in shares of 2*s.* each.

LYDIA WILLIAMS'S CHARITY.

"1737, Mrs. Lydia Williams gave 100*l.*, the profit thereof to eight poor widows of this parish not receiving alms, on the 18th October, yearly, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The annual sum of 4*l.* is also allowed by the vestry in respect of this charity, and is divided at Michaelmas among eight poor widows of the parish, in shares of 10*s.* each.

GEORGE BRIDGES' CHARITY.

"1737, Mr. George Bridges gave 10*l.* the profit thereof to the poor yearly, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The annual sum of 8*s.*, which is allowed by the vestry in respect of this gift, is distributed at Christmas among the poor of the parish.

WILLIAM BRIDGES' CHARITY.

"1741, Mr. William Bridges gave 10*l.*, the interest to the poor."—(Ben. Tab.)

The like sum of 8*s.* is allowed by the vestry in respect of this charity, and is also distributed among the poor at Christmas.

RICHARD BAGNOLD'S CHARITY.

"1741, Mr. Richard Bagnold gave 10*l.*, the interest for a sermon on Good Friday."—(Ben. Tab.)

The sum of 8*s.* is annually paid to the minister as the interest of this gift, who, in consideration thereof, preaches a sermon on Good Friday.

FRANCIS STOKES'S CHARITY.

"1745, Mr. Francis Stokes gave 100*l.*, the interest to eight poor housekeepers, on the 11th October."—(Ben Tab.)

The annual interest of 4*l.*, which is allowed by the vestry for this gift, is divided at Michaelmas among eight poor housekeepers of the parish.

JAMES POPE'S CHARITY.

James Pope, of the island of Madeira, merchant, by will, dated the 20th April, 1742, gave and bequeathed for ever, to the parish church of St. Thomas, in Bristol, the two houses on the bridge of Bristol, and the rents thereof, to be annually paid on Christmas-eve, to twelve of the poorest families of the said parish by the churchwardens.

It appears, from the parish accounts, that the rents of these two houses were received by the vestry for several years, and applied according to the trusts of the will. The houses were at length sold about the year 1762, under the powers of the Bridge Act, when a suit was instituted by Francis Pope, the heir at law of the devisor, to recover the proceeds of the sale, on the ground that the devise was void by the provisions of the stat. 9 Geo. II.; and the court being of that opinion, a decree was pronounced in his favour, and the proceeds of the sale were accordingly paid over in 1794-5, to John Harford, the executor of Francis Pope (then deceased,) with the interest which had accrued.

WILLIAM HASELL'S CHARITY.

William Hasell, by his will, dated 11th March, 1740, (and proved in 1743,) gave to the churchwardens of St. Thomas, in Bristol, the sum of 50*l.*, the interest whereof he directed to be disposed of to and amongst three old bachelors, and three old maidens, each of the age of fifty years, to be paid them on the 25th March, yearly, for ever, equally to be divided amongst them, share and share alike.

The annual sum of 30*s.*, which is the whole that appears to be at present allowed by the vestry in respect of this charity, is divided at Michaelmas among six old bachelors or maidens, in shares of 5*s.* each.

LUKE WILMOT'S CHARITY.

"1753, Luke Wilmot gave 30*l.*, the interest to the poor."—(Ben. Tab.)

The sum of 1*l.* 4*s.*, as the interest of this gift, is annually distributed at Michaelmas among seven poor parishioners, in shares varying from 2*s.* to 5*s.*

DAVID HUGHES'S CHARITY.

"1762, David Hughes gave 20*l.*, the interest to the poor in bread, on the 1st May."—(Ben. Tab.)

The annual sum of 16*s.* was included in the bread account of 1786, in respect of this charity; but we do not find any corresponding distribution on or about the 1st of May, in the more recent accounts with which we have been furnished. It will, however, be seen from the statement which we propose to subjoin, that the total amount of bread distributed in the year is sufficient to comprise that annual allowance.

ELIZABETH ELTON'S CHARITY.

"1776, Mrs. Elizabeth Elton gave 10*l.*, the interest to the poor."—(Ben. Tab.)

The sum of 8*s.*, which is annually allowed by the vestry as the interest of this gift, is distributed at Christmas among the poor of the parish.

CHARITIES OF WILLIAM WEARE AND JOHN FISHER WEARE.

It is stated on the benefaction table, that William Weare, Esq., in 1792, gave the interest of 40*l.*, to the poor in bread, on the 14th of January, for ever; but the following extract from one of the vestry-books appears to furnish a more accurate account of the benefaction:—

"30th August, 1792, John Fisher Weare, Esq., having lately found amongst the papers of his late father, William Weare, Esq. deceased, a minute which induced him to imagine that the said Mr. William Weare intended to give to the poor of this parish a gift of 30*l.*, although the same was not mentioned in his will; and the said Mr. John Fisher Weare having paid the same to the churchwarden, together with an addition of 10*l.* made thereto by himself, the profit arising therefrom to be distributed annually, on the 14th January, for ever, to the poor in bread. Resolved, that the thanks of the vestry, on behalf of the parish, be given to the said Mr. John Fisher Weare for his great liberality; and the churchwarden is requested to wait on him with a copy of this resolution."

We have not, however, found in the bread accounts, which were produced to us, that any specific distribution is at present made on account of this charity.

THOMAS SANDERS'S CHARITY.

THOMAS SANDERS, by will, (proved 16th December, 1801) gave to the minister and churchwardens of the parish of St. Thomas, at his decease, the sum of forty guineas, should it not be given by him in his lifetime, to be placed out at interest, and the interest distributed annually to the poor of the same parish, by the vestry, and requested that his sons might also have voices in the distribution of it.

This legacy appears to have been received by the vestry on the 10th July, 1802. The sum of 2*l.* which is allowed as the interest, is divided at Christmas among four poor parishioners, in shares of 10*s.* each.

DANIEL LANE'S CHARITY.

"1802, Mr. Daniel Lane gave to four poor widows, housekeepers, not receiving alms, the interest of 10*l.* on the 7th of November, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The sum of 10*s.*, as the interest of this gift, is annually divided, at Christmas, among four poor widows of the parish, in shares of 2*s.* 6*d.* each.

MARY GRESLEY'S CHARITIES.

MRS. MARY GRESLEY, by will, dated 18th November, 1800, (and proved at Doctors' Commons the 27th April, 1804,) bequeathed to the minister and churchwardens of the parish church of St. Thomas, 200*l.*, to be placed out at interest, and the profits arising therefrom to be equally divided among ten poor persons of the said parish, on the 1st of January, annually, for ever. She also gave to the said minister and churchwardens 200*l.* more, to be placed out at interest, and the profits arising from the same to be applied to the hiring and paying the rent of as many rooms as the interest would amount to, for the accommodation of as many industrious women of the said parish not receiving alms, having a room each, and who should not be displaced during their lives; and as demise happens the vacancy to be filled up by some other worthy object.

These two legacies were reduced, by the payment of the legacy duty of six per cent. to the sum of 376*l.* which was laid out in the purchase of 494*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.* four per cents. This stock, by an investment of part of the first accruing dividend, was increased to the sum of 500*l.*, producing the annual income of 20*l.*

Of this income, one half is divided at Christmas, among ten poor persons of the parish, in shares of 1*l.* each, and the other half is at the same time divided among three widows, in shares of 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* each, as an aid towards the payment of their rents, it having been found impracticable to hire convenient apartments in the parish for the more strict performance of Mrs. Gresley's intentions.

THOMAS LEWIS'S CHARITY.

"1805, Mr. Thomas Lewis gave 100*l.*, the interest thereof to the poor of this parish not receiving alms, for ever."—(Ben. Tab.)

The full amount of this legacy appears to have been received by the vestry in May, 1805, and it was soon after laid out in the purchase of 134*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.* four per cents., producing the annual dividends of 5*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

Of this income, the sum of 5*l.* appears to be distributed at Michaelmas among poor parishioners, in shares varying from two to eight or nine shillings; the rest does not appear to have been hitherto specifically appropriated.

CHARITIES VESTED IN THE CORPORATION.

The following charities are annually received by the churchwardens from the city chamberlain; viz.

Thomas Holbin's 5*l.*, whereof 10*s.* are paid to the minister for a sermon on St. Thomas's-day, and 4*l.* 10*s.* are distributed at Christmas among the poor.

Robert Kitchen's 1*l.*, which is divided at Christmas between two poor housekeepers, in equal shares.

George Harrington's 1*l.*, which is also divided at Christmas between two poor housekeepers, in equal shares.

Joseph Jackson's 1*l.* 15*s.*, which is divided at Michaelmas between four poor burgesses of the parish, or their widows, in shares of 8*s.* 9*d.* each.

The particulars of Holbin's and Harrington's charities have been already given in our report of charities vested in the corporation of Bristol.—(See Report, No. 6.) Kitchen's and Jackson's are reserved for a further continuation of that report.

The following table is intended to show the total amount of the respective disbursements which are made in the course of the year on account of the foregoing miscellaneous charities. It will also show the whole amount of the moneys which have from time to time been received by the vestry on account of those charities, and the amount of the several annual allowances now made in respect of them.

CHARITIES OF	Moneys received by the vestry.	Annual Allowances in respect thereof.	Rents and other Annual Receipts.	ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS. In Money		In Bread		To the Minister.	To the Clerk and Sexton.
				At Michaelmas.	At Christmas.	Weekly.	At other Times.		
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Walter West			1 0 0			1 0 0	— —	—	—
Christopher and Eleanor Woodward			1 12 0		0 16 0			0 16 0	—
Robert and Sir Richard Rogers	193 0 0	8 0 0				7 0 0		1 0 0	—
Robert Rogers			1 0 0					1 0 0	—
Mathew Warren	10 0 0	0 10 0	0 10 0			0 10 0		0 10 0	—
William Pitt	30 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	— —	—	—
Mary Stiles	10 0 0	0 8 0			0 8 0	—	— —	—	—
Julian Stibbins			1 0 0		1 0 0	—	— —	—	—
Christopher Tovy	20 0 0	1 0 0				1 0 0	— —	—	—
George and Samuel Hellier	30 0 0	1 10 0				1 0 0		0 10 0	—
Thomas Longman	21 0 0	1 10 0			1 10 0	—	— —	—	—
Edmund and Elizabeth Denton	45 0 0	2 5 0				2 5 0	— —	—	—
Francis Gleed			1 18 0	1 18 0	—	—	— —	—	—
John Pope			1 10 0		1 0 0			0 10 0	—
Michael Deyos			2 0 0		2 0 0	—	— —	—	—
Arthur Farmer	40 0 0	1 12 0		1 12 0	—	—	— —	—	—
George Longman			3 0 0				February 14 1 2 6	1 0 0	0 7 6
Edward Morgan			2 12 0			2 12 0	— —	—	—
Sir William Penn	30 0 0	1 4 0			1 4 0	—	— —	—	—
James Brathwaite	10 0 0	0 8 0		0 8 0	—	—	— —	—	—
Christopher Brinsdon	30 0 0	1 10 0					St. Barthm. day 0 16 0	0 10	0 4 0
Edward Grant	30 0 0	1 4 0			1 4 0	—	— —	—	—
James Frend	20 0 0	0 16 0			0 16 0	—	— —	—	—
Samuel Wharton			1 0 0		1 0 0	—	— —	—	—
Nehemiah Webb	20 0 0	0 16 0		0 16 0	—	—	— —	—	—
Michael Hunt	20 0 0	0 16 0		0 16 0	—	—	— —	—	—
Richard Brayfield	10 0 0	0 8 0			0 8 0	—	— —	—	—
Robert Amberson	100 0 0	4 0 0			4 0 0	—	— —	—	—
Samuel Hale	10 0 0	0 8 0				0 8 0	— —	—	—
Charles Herbert	10 0 0	0 8 0			0 8 0	—	— —	—	—
James Seward	10 0 0	0 10 0				0 10 0	— —	—	—
Edward Laggatt	20 0 0	0 16 0			0 16 0	—	— —	—	—
John Gore	20 0 0	0 16 0			0 16 0	—	— —	—	—
John Worgan	32 0 0	1 12 0		1 12 0	—	—	— —	—	—
John Hipsly	40 0 0	1 0 0			1 0 0	—	— —	—	—
Sir Thomas Day	50 0 0	2 10 0				2 10 0	— —	—	—
Charles Jones	20 0 0	0 16 0			0 16 0	—	— —	—	—
John Newman	26 0 0	1 6 0				1 6 0	— —	—	—
Alethea Hopkins	20 0 0	0 16 0		0 16 0	—	—	— —	—	—

Mathew Worgan	40 0 0	1 12 0	....	1 12 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Morris Thomas	20 0 0	1 0 0	....	....	....	....	Ought to be on the 1st March	1 0 0	—	—
Edward Dowell	100 0 0	4 0 0	....	....	4 0 0	—	—	—	—	—
Lydia Williams	100 0 0	4 0 0	....	4 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
George Bridges	10 0 0	0 8 0	....	....	0 8 0	—	—	—	—	—
William Bridges	10 0 0	0 8 0	....	....	0 8 0	—	—	—	—	—
Richard Bagnold	10 0 0	0 8 0	....	....	....	....	....	....	0 8 0	—
Francis Stokes	100 0 0	4 0 0	....	4 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
William Hasell	50 0 0	1 10 0	....	1 10 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Luke Wilmot	30 0 0	1 4 0	....	1 4 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
David Hughes	20 0 0	0 16 0	....	....	....	....	1st May	0 16 0	—	—
Elizabeth Elton	10 0 0	0 8 0	....	....	0 8 0	—	—	—	—	—
William and John Fisher Weare	40 0 0	1 12 0	....	....	....	....	14th Jan.	1 12 0	—	—
Thomas Sanders	42 0 0	2 0 0	....	....	2 0 0	—	—	—	—	—
Daniel Lane	10 0 0	0 10 0	....	....	0 10 0	—	—	—	—	—
Mary Gresley £500 0 0 4 per cents.	....	....	20 0 0	....	20 0 0	—	—	—	—	—
Thomas Lewis 134 9 10 ditto	....	....	5 7 6	5 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thomas Holbin	....	....	5 0 0	....	4 10 0	....	....	....	0 10 0	—
Robert Kitchen	....	....	1 0 0	....	1 0 0	—	—	—	—	—
George Harrington	....	....	1 0 0	....	1 0 0	—	—	—	—	—
Joseph Jackson	....	....	1 15 0	1 15 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
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									6 14 0	6 14 0
								5 6 6	....	5 6 6
						20 1 0	....	....	....	20 1 0
					53 6 0	....	....	....	....	53 6 0
				26 19 0	....	....	....	....	....	26 19 0
There will in future be to be added, on account of—										112 18 0
Geo. Longman's Charity (short payment)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0 10 0	....	0 10 0
Thomas Lewis's Charity .... ditto	....	....	....	0 7 6	....	....	....	....	....	0 7 6
			51 4 6							
	1,519 0 0	62 11 0	62 11 0							
			113 15 6	....	....	....	....	....	....	
There must also in future be added—										113 15 6
The additional allowance on account of John Hipsley's	....	1 0 0	1 0 0	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 0 0
And some allowance on account of William Pitt's (suppose 4 per cent.)	....	1 4 0	1 4 0	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 4 0
And a moiety of Mrs. Mary Smith's rents	....	....	97 10 0	....	....	....	....	....	....	97 10 0

We have assumed the allowances in respect of Hale's and Weare's charities to be at the rate of four per cent. interest, being the rate allowed by the vestry for most of the other charities; and having transferred those respective allowances to the bread account, we have made the totals above exhibited; viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
Of weekly bread	20	1	0
Of bread at other times	5	6	6
Making, in the whole, the sum of	£25	7	6

This sum, although the items are a little at variance with the course of actual distribution, is fully covered by the amount of that distribution, as the following particulars, taken from the accounts of the year ending April 19, 1821, will show; viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
Distributed in weekly bread	20	14	8½
In bread at other times	4	18	6
	£25	13	2½

The distributions, both of money and bread, are made principally at the church; in a few instances at the churchwardens' houses. The majority of the money charities are specifically distributed among a certain number of poor families or individuals, as we have shown above in stating the particulars of each charity. The remainder of the money, and the whole of the bread charities, are distributed generally among the poor of the parish in portions adapted to their respective necessities; in which benefit the poor of Burton's almshouse are allowed to participate, as we have before stated.

The annual allowances, afforded by the vestry on account of the several foregoing charities, are paid out of the rents of the parish lands, under similar circumstances to those of Redcliff parish; and it appears that, previous to the year 1753, these allowances were in most instances calculated at the rate of five per cent., and in one or two instances at six per cent., on the amount of the respective sums which had been received by the vestry; upon which subject we find the following resolution entered among the vestry minutes:—

"18th December, 1753.—Whereas five pounds per cent. interest for gifts (the principal of which money has been taken into the church stock) having been hitherto paid to the poor of this parish, it was therefore at a collecting of the vestry this day agreed, that, by reason of the low interest of money, no more than 4*l.* per cent. interest shall be from henceforth paid for the said gifts."

This resolution has not, however, been rigidly observed, the interest of five per cent. having been in several instances continued to the present time; and in one instance (that of William Hasell's charity), only three per cent. being allowed.

In our report on the charities of Redcliff parish, we had occasion to express our doubts of the power exercised by that vestry, of reducing the rate of their allowances for charitable money at their own pleasure; and we conceive the reasons upon which those doubts were founded to be equally applicable to the circumstances of St. Thomas's parish, as will more fully appear by the statement, which we shall presently make, of the trusts of the St. Thomas church lands.

THE MARKET.

By letters patent, dated the 11th of December, in the 13th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, after reciting that the said Queen had been given to understand by the mayor and commonalty of the city of Bristol, that not only a certain street, commonly called Saint Thomas-street, situate in the parish of Saint Thomas, within the city aforesaid, but also the houses, structures, and edifices in the same street, were fallen much into ruin and decay, to the great deformity of the same part of the said city, and that the late inhabitants of the same street, compelled by poverty, in consequence of the decline of the woollen cloth manufacture, had suffered them to fall and become thus in ruin; and that a certain almshouse for the support of many poor persons, situate near the said street, and a certain canal or aqueduct, situate in the same street, which, beyond the memory of man, were sustained and maintained chiefly by the inhabitants of the said street, were then, on account of the poverty of the same inhabitants, in such a state that it appeared probable they would in a short time fall into extreme ruin, if a remedy for the same were not provided; whereupon the said mayor and commonalty had humbly supplicated her said Majesty to extend her munificence, and grace and favour in this respect; her said Majesty therefore considering the premises, and graciously acceding to the petition aforesaid, and also that the said mayor, and commonalty and inhabitants of the aforesaid street, might be enabled the better to support and maintain as well the houses and edifices being in the same street, as the said almshouse and aqueduct, granted to the said mayor and commonalty of the said city of Bristol, and their successors, that they might have, hold, and enjoy thereafter, to them and their successors for ever, one market, to be held on each Thursday in every week for the whole of such Thursday at the city aforesaid, in the street aforesaid, called Saint Thomas-street, within the said parish of Saint Thomas, in the said city of Bristol, for yarn, wool, cattle, and other things whatsoever to be there bought and sold; and her said Majesty further granted to the said mayor and commonalty, and their successors, all stallage, pickage, tolls, and customs of the same market, or which to the same market belonged, or ought to belong; and also all and all manner of profits and rents, and tolls, and tollnets, and weighing of yarn and wool, and of other things to be sold or weighed in the aforesaid market, as also all tolls, pickage, stallage, and other jurisdictions, commodities, profits, and emoluments whatsoever in and from the said market, which to a market belonged, or ought to belong; and that the said mayor and commonalty, and their successors, should have and take, and might be authorised and empowered to have and take, from all and every persons coming and resorting to the said market as many, as great, such, and such like tolls, pickages, stallages, and other profits as to the said market belonged, and as had been accustomed, and ought to be taken and paid by reason of a market, from buyers and sellers in a market of such kind, or in that market. And also her said Majesty granted, by the said letters patent, all and singular fines, amerciaments, issues, and profits of and in the aforesaid market, from time to time happening, falling

arising, or growing, to hold all and singular the premises to the said mayor and commonalty of the city of Bristol, to the proper behoof, use, and benefit of the same mayor and commonalty, and their successors for ever, without any account or any other thing thereof or therefrom, in any manner to be rendered, paid, or done to her said Majesty, and her successors.

By deed, under the common seal of the corporation, dated the 20th August, in the 13th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, after reciting the foregoing letters patent, it was witnessed, that as well in consideration that Michael Sowdley, and others, feoffees of the lands and tenements commonly called the Church-lands of the parish church of Saint Thomas, had given and granted to the said mayor and commonalty, and to their successors, in fee-farm for ever, one void ground lying in Bristol, in a street there called Wine-street, to be used for a market-place for corn and meal for the commonwealth, as well of the city, as also of the country, thither repairing, for the yearly rent of 40*s.* at the four most usual feasts of the year by even portions; and for that the said feoffees had theretofore granted to the said mayor and commonalty, and their successors, one annuity or yearly rent of 20*s.* issuing and going out of all those the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, whereof the said feoffees stood seised in their demesne as of fee, which were called Saint Thomas church lands, as also for other divers good causes and considerations, the said mayor and commonalty gave, granted, and confirmed for them and their successors, to the said feoffees, and to all other the parishioners then being of the said parish, or that thereafter should be, their heirs and assigns for ever, as well the said market, together with all tolls, customs, pickage, stallage, weighing of the yarn and wool, jurisdictions, fines, amercements, and all other profits, emoluments, and commodities, to them in the said letters patent granted, as also the said letters patent to hold and enjoy the said market, and all other the premises to the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns, for ever, in as large and ample manner as the said mayor and commonalty of right ought to have and enjoy the same by force of the said letters patent, upon condition that they the said feoffees, and the parishioners of the said parish of Saint Thomas, should yearly employ and bestow the profits and commodities, to them the said mayor and commonalty granted by the said letters patent, arising and growing in and by reason of the market aforesaid, in relieving the poor people in the almshouse founded in the same parish of Saint Thomas, in the maintenance of the conduit with water there, and in doing other good deeds of charity within the said parish, according to the meaning of the said letters patent, and upon condition that they the said feoffees, or any of them, should not at any time or times thereafter let, set to farm, alien, or grant the said market, or any commodity or profit belonging to the same, or any part thereof, to any person or persons, but that the said feoffees, and others the parishioners of the said parish of Saint Thomas for the time being, should retain and keep the same in their own possession to the good uses before expressed, and for the neeessary stipends and wages of such as should take pains as officers in the said market, and other necessary charges and duties concerning the said market; and it was covenanted, and granted, and agreed, between the said mayor and commonalty and the said feoffees, that from time to time for ever, as long as the said market should be holden and kept as aforesaid, the mayor of the said city for the time being, and the aldermen of the same, should have full power and authority to ordain,

establish, and make good and reasonable orders, constitutions, and provisions, for the better use, ordering, and government of the said market, and of the people frequenting the same, and also to reform, alter, and redress, from time to time for ever, all and every such thing and things which should be needful to be reformed and amended, so that the said orders, constitutions, and provisions should not take away any manner of benefit, commodity, or profit before granted by the said letters patent.

By indenture, dated the 19th August, in the 14th year of the reign of King James, Thomas Callowhill, for divers good causes and considerations, and especially in consideration that the feoffees of the lands belonging to the parish church of Saint Thomas, had demised to Catherine Callowhill for a term of years a parcel of garden ground in Bristol, being parcel of the lands belonging to the parish church of St. Thomas, granted, bargained, and sold to the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns for ever, all that parcel of ground then used and employed for two pens or cubs for sheep, lying at the upper end of the sheep-market, in Saint Thomas-street, in Bristol, aforesaid, to hold to the only use of the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns for ever.

The parcel of ground, thus acquired by the feoffees, has been ever since appropriated for sheep pens for the use of the market.

There has been also attached to the market, from a very early period, a building called the Wool Hall, used for the purpose of weighing and depositing wool; but the origin of which we have been unable to trace.

It appears, from an examination of the parish books, that for many years after the grant by the corporation, which has been above recited, the market was held under the immediate superintendence of the vestry, the tolls and other profits being collected by officers appointed for that purpose, and credited in the vestry accounts.

The latest credit of this kind which is found on the books (with respect to a part of the market), is in the account for the year 1654-5, in which the following receipts are entered; viz.

	£.	s.	d.
Of Israel-lane, for the beast market	6	12	0
Richard Jones, for the sheep market	13	8	3
£.	20	0	3

In the account for the year 1655-6, we find the sum of 5*l.* credited for one quarter's rent of the beast and sheep market, being at the rate of 20*l.* per annum, the amount (as we have just seen) of the preceding year's profits; and from that period it has continued to be the course to farm out that branch of the market; although we find no vestry order upon the subject earlier than the year 1750, when it was agreed to grant a lease for seven years to Richard Keate and Charles Williams,

	£.	s.	d.
At the annual rent of	84	0	0
Another lease in 1779, for 7 years, reserved a rent of	110	0	0
— in 1788, for 7 years	113	10	0
— in 1795, for 14 years	114	10	0
— in 1809, for 14 years	140	0	0

The three last-mentioned leases were respectively granted to Robert Jeffery, in whom the remainder of the last term of 14 years is now vested. Having inquired into the

amount of the tolls and other profits, which he annually derives under his lease, and the expenses attending the management of the market, we have found no reason to consider the rent which he at present pays to be inadequate to the fair value of the interest demised to him.

The wool market appears to have continued under the management of the vestry some time longer than the sheep and cattle market. We do not find at what particular period it first began to be let; but the following leases of the hall and market conjointly are yet existing among the parish documents; viz.:—

4th October,	1726,	to Thomas Brown,	for 18 years,	at	£22	0	0	per. ann.
27th January,	1779,	to Samuel Richards,	7 ditto	at	54	10	0	——
10th June,	1785,	to John Innis,	7 ditto	at	36	0	0	——
21st July,	1787,	to James Underwood,	7 ditto	at	37	16	0	——
10th June,	1794,	to Edward Blumley,	7 ditto	at	63	0	0	——
25th April,	1801,	to Richard Philips,	7 ditto	at	42	0	0	——

The hall and market are at present enjoyed by ——— Bellamy, as yearly tenant, at the rent of 30*l.* per annum.

The variations in these rents are principally to be attributed to the fluctuating state of the wool trade. The rent of 30*l.*, paid by Mr. Bellamy, appears to be at present a fair value.

These several rents of 140*l.* and 30*l.* are blended with the general funds of the parish, from which, as we have before stated, the repairs of the almshouse are kept up, and the almspeople supplied with an allowance of 8*s.* per week, or 20*l.* 16*s.* per annum. The conduit of water (of which some mention has been already made in our report on the Redcliff church and pipe lands), is also duly maintained from the same funds, and the various other parochial disbursements supplied, of which a particular account will be given in the Appendix.—(*See* Appendix, Schedule C.)

It cannot escape observation, that the leases which have been granted, of the respective branches of this market, have been in direct violation of one of the provisions of the grant made by the corporation, by which the feoffees were expressly restrained from letting or setting to farm the said market. As far as regards the sheep and cattle market, we have been unable to discover any sufficient grounds for the infringement of that provision, and still less for the long terms of fourteen years, which the two last leases respectively granted. But with respect to the wool market, it seems that the principal benefit, which at present results from it, is derived from the use of the wool hall as a general warehouse, and that it has become necessary to let that building to prevent its remaining wholly unproductive.

THE CHURCH LANDS.

The earliest trace that we have been able to discover of these lands is afforded a trust deed, dated 3d November, in the 44th year of the reign of Queen Elizabet.

whereby, after reciting, that by deed, dated 7th September, 8 Elizabeth, John Brampton and another had granted and confirmed to certain persons therein mentioned the premises therein particularly specified, (*see* Appendix, Schedule (A.) column 1,) Nicholas Blake, and two others, surviving all the other before-named feoffees, as well for divers good causes and considerations them thereunto moving, as also to perform the trust and confidence in them reposed by the said John Brampton, and the other, gave, granted, and enfeoffed unto Samuel Davis, vicar of the parish of Saint Thomas, and fourteen others, all the said recited messuages, lands, and other premises, to hold to the grantees, their heirs and assigns for ever, to the uses thereafter mentioned; viz. to the maintenance of God's divine service, repairing and amending of the said church, and the houses, lands, and tenements thereunto belonging, and other necessary expenses and charges thereunto pertaining.

In the next succeeding trust deed, dated 7th July, 1636, in which some additional premises are included, (*see* Appendix, Schedule (A.) column 2,) the trusts are declared to be, "to employ the rents, issues, and profits of the said premises, to and for the maintenance and repairing of the parish church of St. Thomas aforesaid, and to and for other good and charitable uses, as hath been heretofore accustomed," which last-mentioned trusts have been in substance retained in all the subsequent trust deeds.

The variations which are observable in those deeds, in the quantity or description of the respective premises, will be found in the Appendix in the Schedule, to which we have already referred.

Another Schedule which will also be found in the Appendix (Schedule (B.) will exhibit the names of the several lessees and occupiers of their respective premises, together with the dates of their leases and the terms of their respective tenancies, particularizing the rents reserved, and the fines which were paid on the last renewals.

It will be seen, from that schedule, that the annual rents (including the Market,)

	£	s.	d.
Amount to the sum of	241	17	0

And that during the last twenty years, the following fines for renewals have been received, viz:—

			£.	s.	d.
August	1800,	No. 10	26	0	0
October	1800,	No. 3	200	0	0
July ..	1803,	No. 12	44	0	0
December	1805,	No. 15	54	0	0
December	1808,	No. 19	100	0	0
October	1809,	No. 6	210	0	0
September	1812,	No. 18	100	0	0
August	1815,	No. 11	180	0	0
October	1820,	No. 14	247	10	0
Making, together, the sum of			£1,161	10	0
Or an annual average of				£	58 1 6
Which, being added to the rents, makes a total average income from these lands, of				£	299 18 6

This income is applied to the repairs of the church and its precincts; to the payment of stipends to the minister, clerk, sexton, and other parish officers; to the payment of the several annual allowances which we have already specified in our account of the miscellaneous charities; and to several other parochial purposes. A particular statement of the annual amount of the respective heads of expenditure, during the last ten years, will be found in the Appendix (Schedule (C.) where it will be seen that they amount together, on an average of those ten years, to the annual sum of 420*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.*

These lands are let from time to time under the directions of the vestry, and every care seems to be taken, on their part, to obtain the best terms that are found practicable.

PARISH OF ST. WERBURGH.

Samuel Hale's Charity.
George Lysons's Gift.
Robert Earle's Gift.
Alderman Long's Gift.
James Croft's Gift.
Alderman Harrington and Alderman Kitchen's Charities
Sir Abraham Elton's Gift.

Mrs. Rose Bradley's Gift
Cox's Gift.
William Lisle's Charity.
Mrs. Longman's Gift.
Mr. Richard Blake's Gift.
Gift Sermons.
Humphrey Brown's Gift.

SAMUEL HALE'S CHARITY.

By referring to Samuel Hale's charity, among the charities of St. Mary Redcliff [Seventh Report, p. 219]* it will be seen, that under the will of Samuel Hale, late of the city of Bristol, merchant, dated 17th August, 1686, the parish of St. Werburgh, amongst the several other parishes therein-named, became entitled to a share of 10*l.* to be put out at interest by the churchwardens, such interest to be by them laid out in bread, and distributed weekly, every Sunday, to and amongst the poor of the parish.

The first notice we find of this charity is in the parish vestry-book:—

"April 24, 1712, And it was ordered, that in regard to 50*l.* given by Mr. Lysons, and 10*l.* by Mr. Hales, for the use of the poor of this parish, is now made use of in the church-stock; that the church-lands be chargeable with the payment of 3*l.* a year, for interest of those sums, which are to be laid out in bread, and distributed by the direction of the churchwardens for the time being, from Easter-Sunday last."

Signed by the churchwardens.

There is a regular weekly distribution of bread on Sunday, in which this gift of Mr. Samuel Hale is included and satisfied, as will appear when the amount of the different bread-gifts is compared with the actual weekly distribution on this account. This is the only mode of ascertainment, as the gifts are not entered with any distinct reference to the names of the donors.

[*See* the statement on the St. James's Charities (Ninth Report),† with respect to a sum of 230*l.*, said to have been left by the same testator, towards apprenticing poor children.]

GEORGE LYSONS'S GIFT.

No instrument whatever can be found showing the derivation of this gift; but, by the last case, it has appeared that it was, together with Samuel Hale's gift, made a charge upon the church lands, as having been made use of in the church stock, so that the church lands have ever since been held liable to the satisfaction of the interest of five per cent. upon this donation. The application of the 2*l.* 10*s.* arising upon this gift, in weekly bread to the poor, must be accounted for as in the last case.

* *Vide* vol. ii. p. 79. † *Vide*. vol. i. p. 434.

ROBERT EARLE'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—" 1736, Robert Earle, Esquire, alderman, gave 100*l.*, the interest, 4*l.* only, to be given to the poor in bread, weekly .....£4.

In the parish account book is the following entry, under the date 26th December, 1738:—

" At this vestry it was also ordered, that the said churchwardens cause to be inscribed, on the table of benefactions belonging to this parish, a proper entry of the sum of 100*l.*, given for the benefit of the poor of this parish, by the last will of Robert Earle, Esquire, late one of the aldermen of this city; and it is ordered that the said Mr. Perry, (into whose hands the said 100*l.* hath been some time paid), do pay the same to Mr. Richard Blake, on his giving bond to repay the same, with interest, after the rate of 4*l.* for 100*l.* for a year, pursuant to the will of the said Robert Earle."

In a subsequent page of the same book, under the date of 1739, the distribution of the 4*l.*, the interest of the said Alderman Earle's gift, is stated to have been made to seven persons mentioned by name, three of them having 1*l.* a piece, and the other four 5*s.* each. In a subsequent page of the same book, for the year 1740, the distribution under this charity appears to have been made again to seven persons, in payment of a different amount, making together only the sum of 2*l.* 13*s.*; and on the other side, credit is given for the interest of 100*l.* under Alderman Earle's gift, as paid by Mr. Blake, the obligor mentioned in the bond, at four per cent.; but the money for which that credit is given is only 2*l.* 13*s.* Again, in the year 1741, the distribution is made to nine persons, in various fractional sums, amounting to 3*l.* 4*s.*; and on the other side, again, it appears that the churchwarden of that day acknowledges himself to have received from his predecessor 100*l.*, being Alderman Earle's gift; but the interest received from Mr. Blake, the obligor, appears to have been only the said sum of 3*l.* 4*s.* paid at different times, by two several sums of 2*l.* and 1*l.* 4*s.* In 1742, 3*l.* appears to have been distributed under the gift, to 8 people, in sums of different amounts, and credit is given on the other side for 3*l.* only.

By an entry of the vestry proceedings, dated 18th August, 1743, it is stated to have been determined, that the said 100*l.*, then in the hands of the churchwarden, as the gift of Alderman Earle, should be taken into the vestry stock, and be applied towards the charges of repairing the church and tower; and that an interest for the same, after the rate of four per cent. per annum, should be paid out of the rent late Richard Deveril, but then payable by the city, till the same was reimbursed, and to be applied to the uses directed by the said Robert Earle. In 1743, the first half-year's distribution under this gift appears to have been 2*l.* to eight persons, in different sums, and credit is given on the other side for the 2*l.*; and the next half-year 2*l.* also is accounted for in the same way; and, by an item on the other side, we are informed that Alderman Earle's money began then to be distributed in bread, weekly. In 1746, the distribution in bread appears, by an item of disbursement in that year's account, to have been 7*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.*, being a rise of above 4*l.* in the sum expended upon bread, between the years 1743 and 1746, which

most probably is attributable to the accession of Alderman Earle's gift to this subject of charitable distribution. In succeeding years, the distribution under this gift continues to be absorbed in the bread charity, producing nearly the same amount as last above-mentioned. The same application of this money is continued down to the present time.

The amount now distributed in bread is 7*l.*, composed of the three foregoing charities, and satisfying the same.

ALDERMAN LONG'S GIFT.

By indenture, dated 14th September, 1669, made between Robert Yate and certain other persons therein named, all of the parish of St. Werburgh, in the city of Bristol, of the one part; and Giles Earle, of the same city, surviving executor of the last will of Mary Long, widow, who was executrix of the last will of Richard Long, late of the same city, merchant, her late husband, deceased; whereby reciting, that the said Richard Long, by his last will, dated 10th June, 1646, did will and direct, that his executrix should, within one year after his decease, pay to six of the most sufficient men that then should be of the parish of St. Werburgh, the sum of 25*l.* in money, to be by them employed in lands, and out of the profits thereof should pay 25*s.* per annum, for ever, unto the poor householders in that parish; and thereof made his said wife executrix, who had proved the same, and had afterwards made her last will, and thereof made Sir Henry Creswick, John Price, both since deceased, and the said Giles Earle, executors; and reciting that 25*s.* per annum had been, ever since the decease of the said Richard Long, yearly paid in lieu of the annual profits of the said 25*l.* towards the relief of certain poor householders of the said parish; but that the said sum of 25*l.* had not been paid, either by the said Mary Long in her life-time, or at any time since her decease; it is witnessed, that the said Robert Yate and others did thereby acknowledge to have received from the said Giles Earle, surviving executor as aforesaid, the said sum of 25*l.* so given and devised by the said Richard Long, and of which sum they accordingly discharged the said Giles Earle.

The next document respecting this charity in the books is a vestry minute, dated 22d April, 1712, to the following effect:—

"At a vestry then held at the parish church of St. Werburgh, it was ordered, that in regard Alderman Richard Long gave 25*l.* to pay 25*s.* yearly, for ever, to poor householders of this parish, and that 25*l.* being sunk in the church stock, that the churchwardens should yearly distribute that 25*s.* to such poor in this parish as they should think fit, and bring it in their yearly accounts; and that the church lands be charged with the payment thereof; and that this legacy be entered on the table of gifts."

From this period we do not find any entry of the payment of the 1*l.* 5*s.* till the year 1716, when there occurs, on the disbursement side of the account, the following entry:—

"To cash distributed, Mr. Croft's gift ..... £1. 5."

which name of Croft is probably by mistake inserted for the name of Long, as

the name of Croft afterwards occurs for a different sum. In the following year, Alderman Long's gift is entered as distributed to four persons, in different sums, amounting to 1*l.* 5*s.* The 1*l.* 5*s.* appears by the books to have been regularly distributed, and for a long time in conjunction with Mr. Croft's gift of 2*l.* 10*s.*

The objects relieved under this charity are not persons answering to the description in the will; because such is the state of the parish, that there are said to be no persons keeping house so poor as to stand in need of the bounty. The parish is small, and centrically situated; the selection, therefore, is necessarily made from among the poor generally, sometimes including persons who receive regular parish pay; but it is stated, that whenever parishioners poor and deserving, and not receiving parish alms, but struggling to support themselves without such relief, present themselves, they are preferred. The same observation must be applied to all the charities of this parish, which are intended by the donors to be confined to poor householders.

JAMES CROFT'S GIFT.

Church Table.—"1714, James Croft, of this city, gentleman, gave 50*l.*, the use of it for poor housekeepers of this parish, yearly, for ever."

In the vestry book, under the date of 1715, it was ordered, at a vestry held 31st August in that year, that interest of the 50*l.* legacy, given by Mr. James Croft to this parish, should be paid out of the parish stock from the 5th day of May, 1715, being the time that Henry Fane, the former churchwarden, accounted for the same, and that one half of such interest should be then paid to poor housekeepers, pursuant to the will of the said Mr. Croft, and the other half thereof at Christmas next, and so from time to time, All-holland tide and Candlemas, yearly.

It appears, by the accounts, that the sum of 2*l.* 10*s.* annually, being five per cent. upon the 50*l.*, has generally for many years past been distributed in conjunction with Alderman Long's gift, making together 3*l.* 10*s.*

ALDERMAN HARRINGTON AND ALDERMAN KITCHEN'S CHARITIES.

[See these charities reported under the Corporation Charities, Sixth and Eighth Reports.]*

The sum of 1*l.* is regularly received by the churchwardens from the chamberlain on account of these charities, and applied in the same way as the last-mentioned charity, being intended by the donors for the relief of poor housekeepers.

* *Vide* vol. i. pp. 94 and 136.

SIR ABRAHAM ELTON'S GIFT.

A city seal of the corporation was produced, whereby reciting that Sir Abraham Elton, Baronet, late mayor, and one of the aldermen of the said city, had by his last will, dated 26th October, 1727, among other things, given in the words or to the effect following:—"Item. I give the like sum of 50*l.* [alluding to a former sum of the like amount given by him to St. John's parish,] which I will shall in like manner be paid to the chamberlain of the city of Bristol, and put at interest, and the interest and increase thereof arising to be in like manner distributed on the same day, [11th September in every year,] to five, or less, poor housekeepers within the parish of St. Werburgh, where I now live, not receiving alms, yearly for ever:" And reciting that Dame Mary Elton, one of the executors, and residuary legatee in the said will, had since deceased, having first made her last will in writing, and thereof constituted Sir Abraham Elton, Baronet, her son, and Abraham Elton, Esquire, her grandson, joint executors, and left her grandson residuary legatee; and that the said Abraham Elton, Esquire, the grandson, had paid into the chamber of the city the sum of 50*l.* being the legacy given by his said grandfather's will, as aforesaid; it is witnessed, that the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the said city of Bristol, did thereby acknowledge the receipt of the said sum of 50*l.*, and that they owed and stood indebted unto the then churchwardens of the said parish in the said sum, to be paid to them, their successors and assigns, churchwardens for the time being, to and for the uses and intentions of the said donor, expressed in his said will, at or upon the 6th day of April, then next ensuing the date thereof, together with 20*s.* for the interest thereof to that time, and they thereby agreed for themselves, and their successors, to pay the like interest from time to time for the said principal sum of 50*l.*, after the rate of 4*l.* per centum per annum, for so long time as it should remain unpaid, to which payment of the said principal and interest they bound themselves by the said instrument, to which they set their common seal.

The first mention of the receipt and application of this money was in the year 1736, when among the gift-moneys mentioned in that year is this of Sir Abraham Elton's, distributed to five poor persons, not receiving alms, in sums of 8*s.* a piece. This sum of 2*l.* annually, under the same gift, appears by the books to have been yearly distributed to different persons, in varying amounts.

MRS. ROSE BRADLEY'S GIFT.

CHURCH TABLE.—"1798, Mrs. Rose Bradley, schoolmistress, late of Small-street, in this city, gave 50*l.*, the interest thereof to be applied to the use of the poor of this parish, for ever."

In the accounts of the parish for the same year the receipt of this money by the churchwardens is thus recorded :—

"By cash of Mr. Strickland, attorney, administrator of Mrs. Rose Bradley, late of Small-street, being so much moneys verbally directed to be paid to the churchwardens, to be laid out at interest, and such interest to be given to the poor of this parish, yearly, which moneys were, by an order of the vestry, made 11th December, 1798, directed to be applied to the use of the church, and the interest to be paid out of the parish stock ..... £50."

The first mention of the distribution occurs in the accounts for 1800, where there is a list of thirteen persons relieved under this benefaction, in sums of different amounts, making together 2*l.* 10*s.*, being interest at the rate of five per cent. Similar entries occur for all the years down to the present time.

This parish being, as before observed, very small, there is sometimes a difficulty in finding in it fit objects, for which reason the officiating minister, and the vestry, recommend some poor and sick persons of other parishes, with this check upon this extra distribution, that, before any such persons are suffered to receive the benefit, it is expected that such persons should be known by the person recommending them, as deserving characters.

COX'S GIFT.

The sum of 2*s.* 6*d.* is paid by the chamberlain to the churchwardens for coals, for the poor of this parish, among the other parishes of Bristol to which the same benefaction extends, and it is accordingly so applied.

WILLIAM LISLE'S CHARITY.

In the parish vestry book, there is an entry which may illustrate the manner in which this charity has come to the parish. It is the entry of a cause before the Master of the Rolls, on the 18th of July, 12 George I, (1724,) between the attorney-general at the relation of the churchwardens of St. Nicholas in Gloucester, and the churchwardens of St. Werburgh in Bristol, plaintiffs; and Thomas Lisle, Henry Walteret, and Edward James, defendants; being an information to establish a charity, given by the will of William Lisle, dated 30th November, 1723, to the poor of the several parishes of St. Nicholas, in the city of Gloucester, and St. Werburgh, in the city of Bristol, and to have the real estate of the said testator, subject to the payment of 20*l.* per annum to the defendant Lisle, settled and conveyed to trustees for the several charitable uses and purposes in the said will, in such manner as that court shall think fit; and the said information set forth, among other things, that the said William Lisle, being seised of a

freehold estate in fee, did by his said will direct that the defendant James, his heirs and assigns, should with all convenient speed after his decease, by good and effectual conveyances in the law, settle the same to such trustees, and their heirs, as he should think fit, for the continuations there of 32*l.* per annum immediately, and the reversion after the decease of his brother Thomas Lisle, in trust, that the said trustees, and their heirs, should pay to his said brother, Thomas Lisle, 40*l. per annum*,* during his life, and out of the remainder of the rents and profits should first raise the sum of 100*l.* for building his monument, and after such payments, and their necessary charges, should pay the said rents and profits of the lands so to be settled by equal portions to the poor of the several parishes of St. Nicholas in Gloucester, and St. Werburgh in Bristol, to be distributed in bread at such times, and to such persons, as the minister and churchwardens of the said several parishes for the time being should think proper, provided that the same should be always applied to such poor persons as did not receive alms, and not in ease of the parish rates.

The information then states that, there being a default in the persons entrusted to execute the will, upon doubts arising on the effect of the same, his honour did declare, that the will of the said William Lisle should be carried into execution; and the said defendant James, proposing to settle an estate of the said testator's of 59*l.* per annum, to make good and pay the yearly sum of 30*l.* for the benefit of the said charity, and 20*l.* per annum, to the defendant, Thomas Lisle, for his life, and, after his decease, to pay the whole 50*l.* per annum to the said charity; it was further ordered, that it should be referred to a master of the court to certify whether the said estate of 59*l.* per annum was sufficient to answer and pay the said yearly sums; and if so, the said defendant James was decreed to convey and settle such estate on trustees, to be approved of by the said master, to answer and pay 30*l.* per annum to the said charity, and 20*l.* per annum to the said Thomas Lisle, during his life, and, after his decease, then to pay the said 50*l.* per annum to the said charity; but in case the said master should not find the said estate of 59*l.* per annum sufficient to answer and pay the said yearly sums, clear of all outgoings, then the said defendant James was ordered to convey the said estate of 59*l.* per annum, and so much more of the said trust estates to the said trustees, as the said master should think sufficient to answer the payment of the said yearly sums as aforesaid, and thereupon that all the residue of the rents, lands, and tenements, devised by the said testator to the said defendant James, were thereby discharged from the payment of the charity thereby given and directed, and the said master was to settle the said conveyance.

And it being alleged that the money given by the will to the poor of the said several parishes was to be distributed in bread, and that there was more bread already given by the other charities to the poor of the said parishes than there were poor to receive the same; and it being prayed that the said charity-money might be disposed of in some other manner for the benefit of the said poor, it was further ordered, that the said master should examine into that matter, and if it should be found to be so, that then the respective ministers and churchwardens of the said parishes were to attend the said master, and propose before him how they would have the said charity-money otherwise disposed of for the benefit of such poor, and the said master was to report

* Thus in the old Copy.

specially, as he should see cause, for the further directions of the court; it then stated, that the master certified, by his report, dated 29th June then last, that the freehold messuage and farm, with the lands thereto belonging, at Epney, then in the possession of William Carefield, as tenant thereof, at 56*l.* per annum, and a chief-rent of 3*l.* 4*s.* per annum, issuing and payable, for ever, out of the lands at Pridgmore, in the parish of Moreton Valance, then late the estate of Thomas Cowles, would be sufficient to answer and make good the said payment of 50*l.* per annum, clear of all outgoings; and that the said master by his further report, dated 4th July, then instant, whereby setting forth that he had been attended by the different parties interested, and found that William Window, late of the city of Gloucester, deceased, by a codicil to his last will and testament, dated 19th December, 1669, had given to the minister and churchwardens of the said parish of St. Nicholas, a rent-charge of 5*l.* 4*s.* per annum, for ever, to be issuing out of tenements in the said city of Gloucester, to be by them laid out in buying twelve penny loaves to be every Sunday distributed to and amongst twelve such poor persons of the said parish, as did frequent the church thereof, and did not receive parish maintenance; and that it was alleged before him, on behalf of the said parish, that, over and besides the said Mr. Window's, there were several other charitable donations to the said parish, in bread, so that there was no further want thereof; and that if Mr. Lisle's charity should be likewise distributed in bread, there would not be a sufficient number of poor people qualified to receive the same, and that therefore the said Mr. Lisle's charity would be more usefully and beneficially applied, in providing firing and clothing for the use of the said poor, had, upon consideration thereof, conceived that such application of the charity, would be most for the benefit of the said parish. And the said master by another report, dated 5th July then instant, certified that it had been represented unto him, on behalf of the said parish of St. Werburgh, that the same was a small parish, and had few people in it that did then receive alms, and that the whole charity-money given by the said Mr. Lisle's will was far too much to be distributed in bread, and that it had therefore been proposed before him, on behalf of the said last-mentioned parish, that only 5*l.* 4*s.* of the said charity-money might be yearly laid out in bread, and the remainder thereof in providing clothes and firing for the use of the said poor; which he the said master certified his opinion to be, that such proposal would be most for the benefit of the poor of the said parish: and the several reports coming to be heard, his honour declared that he approved of the proposals mentioned therein, and did order that the same might be established, that the said trustees should apply and lay out one moiety of the said Mr. Lisle's charity-money, yearly, in the providing of clothing and firing for the poor of the said parish of St. Nicholas, under the direction therein mentioned, and should lay out the other moiety of the said Mr. Lisle's charity-money; viz. 5*l.* 4*s.* part thereof in bread, and the whole remainder thereof in clothing and firing for the poor of the said parish of St. Werburgh, who did not receive alms thereof, at such times and to such persons as the minister and churchwardens for the time being, should think proper.

Pursuant to the above directions, the said Edward James, by an indenture of bargain and sale enrolled, dated 26 December, 1726, made between the said Edward James, of the one part; and Daniel Lysons, and others, therein named, of the other part; reciting the above-mentioned proceedings, and a decree, bearing date 18th July then following, confirming the said report, granted, bargained, and sold unto the said

Daniel Lysons, and the others therein named, the said estate, by the description of all that messuage, tenement, and farm, with the appurtenances, situate at Epney, then in the possession of William Carefield, at the rent of 56*l.* per annum, and also that yearly rent or chief-rent of 3*l.* 4*s.*, issuing out of the lands and tenements at Pridgmore aforesaid; to hold to the said Daniel Lysons and others, to the use of them, their heirs and assigns, on trust, to pay, apply, and dispose of the said rents, issues, and profits of the said premises, to such uses, intents, and purposes, as in and by the said decretal order of the court of chancery was ordered and directed.

From this period to the present time, there has been a regular succession of feoffments, the last deed being dated 21 April, 1820. For St. Nicholas, six trustees are appointed; for St. Werburgh's parish three only. The present feoffees are Mr. Joseph Richardson, Mr. Henry Smith, Junior, and Mr. William Tesdale Bulgin.

This estate of Mr. Lisle's is a farm called Epney, in the parish of Moreton Valance, in Gloucestershire, consisting of about 55 acres, with a dwelling-house and buildings upon it. It was let in the year 1820, to a tenant from year to year, at a rent of 56*l.* In 1818 it was let for 85*l.* a year. Before this last-mentioned time, the Berkeley canal had been cut through a part of these grounds; and when it was inquired what compensation had been made, it was found that no remuneration had yet been received. This information was received from the Rev. Mr. Barry, minister of St. Nicholas, and agent for the charity, from whom it was also understood, that the undertaking did not promise to be a profitable one, and in point of fact it is not yet finished; consequently, so much as has been taken out of the estate for the purpose of this canal, has been hitherto lost to the charity. They have expended, it is said, all the money raised by subscription.

With respect to the other part of the estate, an inclosure has taken place on this property, which has thrown upon the charity a considerable expense. Mr. Barry advanced 230*l.*, the sum to be contributed by the estate, and pays himself the sum so advanced by instalments. The churchwardens of St. Werburgh received from Mr. Barry, in the year 1819, the sum of 50*l.*, and subsequently to that period another sum of 10*l.* He charges no interest for the money so advanced, and keeps an account with the charity, open to the inspection of any person deputed from the parish. When these charges are liquidated, there is reasonable ground to expect that the property will become much improved in value. The different changes and accommodations, which have been made under the inclosure, have placed the lands of the charity in contiguity with the buildings, and the whole is stated to be now within a ring fence, excepting a small piece of pasture, not very distant, given to it as a balance for what has been taken from it.

It appears that, subsequently to the arrangement of this charity by the court of chancery, the parish did not receive any benefit from this property before the year 1746, or probably some years after. This may be collected from a correspondence between the parties concerned, which was laid before us.

And we learn from other letters produced to us, that, for about seven years afterwards, the unproductive state of this property to the charity in a great measure continued.

In the next year, the following minute of vestry is found in the books:—

"Parish of St. Werburgh." } Monday, 19th August, 1754; at a vestry then held for the Parish of St. Werburgh,—

"A letter from Mr. Edmund Philips, of Gloucester, attorney to the Rev. Mr. Culliford, dated 11th August, 1755, was read, importing, that he had procured the deed of trust, and the several papers relating to Lisle's charity to the parish of St. Werburgh and St. Nicholas, and there being a long arrear of chief-rent due to the said charity from an estate at Moreton Valance, or Pridgmore, which he had several times called upon the tenant thereof for, by the directions of the churchwardens of St. Nicholas, but to no purpose. That he had applied to the surviving trustee of the said charity, who would give the officers of both parishes the meeting on the 22d instant, at the King's Head, in Gloucester, to consult concerning the said charity, and to give proper directions, as well for the recovery of the said arrears as for the future management of the said estate. Therefore, in pursuance of such letter, it was ordered and desired, that Mr. John Bush, the then churchwarden of St. Werburgh's, and Mr. John Skynner, the vestry clerk of the said parish, should give their attendance at Gloucester as above mentioned, and that their expenses should be paid out of the estate bequeathed by the will of the said Mr. Lisle to the above parishes."

In the year 1761, we find a minute of vestry, dated 25th May, in that year, directing the churchwardens and vestry clerk of that year to go again to Gloucester, and press for the settlement of the account of Lisle's charity. In the course of this year, there commenced a regular debtor and creditor account between the parish of St. Werburgh and the poor of the said parish, in respect of Mr. Lisle's charity; by which it appears, that the following sums were received in the several years between 1761, and 1772, inclusive:—

		£.	s.	d.
1761.	Received of the Trustees	52	10	0
1764.	Ditto	47	10	7
1766.	Ditto	29	16	0
1767.	Ditto	25	3	2
1769.	Ditto	13	16	5
1772.	Ditto	50	0	0

After the disbursements appearing on the opposite side are allowed, a balance remains of 78*l.* 9*s.* 6d. This balance of 78*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, in a subsequent book carrying on the account between the parish and this charity, is stated, with reference to the old book, to have been the balance in 1772. From that period, no notice whatever is taken of that sum in any of the accounts. The book takes up the account again with Lisle's charity in 1819, leaving a chasm between 1772 and 1819.

It is to be observed, that hough the 78*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* is never accounted for as a part of Mr. Lisle's charity, 50*l.* part of it, is brought to account in the general parish account kept by the churchwardens for 1772. The churchwarden for that year, a Mr. Joseph Fowle, became bankrupt, and was a defaulter to the extent of 69*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* From the year 1775, an account was produced of the receipts for each year, down to 1822 inclusive, and a statement of the disbursements, beginning with 1787, and ending 1823, by which it appears, that there ought to be a balance, even from this imperfect state of the account of 122*l.* 3*s.* 6½*d.* For the last 17 years, whatever may have been the previous irregularity

the receipts and disbursements are equalised in each year. The accounts of this charity, from the year 1787 to 1823 inclusive, were produced, and are stated below.

The balance of 122*l.* 3*s.* 6½*d.*, as probably may have been the case with other sums that should have been received and applied according to the trusts of this charity, in the several years anterior to such regular commencement of the accounts from 1804, has been carried to the general parish account. From 1804, inclusively, all that has been received under Lisle's charity has been applied to the benefit of the poor.

It has been usually dealt out among the poor in small sums, according to the exigency of the case, under the directions of the minister and the vestry. It has not been confined to the poor of this parish, for the reasons already stated in the case of Alderman Long's charity; but it has been the practice to inquire for persons wanting relief in St. Werburgh's parish, before any part of the money has been given to parishioners of any other parish.

Dr.	Cash paid. £.	s.	d.
1787	17	5	1
1788	15	17	11½
1789	16	3	0
1790	15	11	2
1791	20	2	1
1792	20	14	10
1793	27	12	10
1794	24	7	0
1795	21	6	0
1797	13	9	6
1798	22	13	0
1799	22	13	0
1800	11	11	2
1801	23	14	4
1802	19	9	5
1803	21	10	6
1804	24	10	0
	26	12	0
1805	24	2	0
1806	29	8	0
	0	0	0
1807	24	8	0
1808	37	7	6
1810	20	10	0
1811	34	2	5
	0	0	0
1812	47	5	0
1813	58	2	6
Carried forward £	640	8	1½

Cr.	Cash received. £.	s.	d.
1775	46	10	7
1783	48	5	5½
1784	13	7	3
1785	18	8	11
1786	15	14	9
	16	5	4
1787	16	0	2½
1789	16	3	0
1790	15	11	2
1791	20	2	1
1792	20	14	10
1793	35	6	0
1796	27	4	1
1797	22	7	10
1798	22	17	0
1800	11	11	0
1801	23	14	4
1802	22	1	11
1803	23	18	6
1804	24	10	0
	26	12	0
1805	24	2	0
1806	29	8	0
1807	34	8	0
1808	27	7	6
1810	41	0	0
	13	12	5
1811	47	5	0
Carried forward £	704	9	2

Brought forward	640	8	1½
1814	45	5	8
1815	59	4	9
1816	43	18	7
1817	56	16	5
1818	43	19	0
1820	30	0	0
1821	9	17	1
1822	10	0	0
1823	10	0	0
	949	9	7½
	122	3	6½
	1,071	13	2

Brought forward	704	9	2
1812	58	2	6
1813	45	5	8
1814	59	4	9
1815	43	18	7
1816	56	16	5
1817	43	19	0
1819	49	17	1
1822	10	0	0
	1,071	13	2

MRS. LONGMAN'S GIFT.

Church Table.—"1699, Mrs. Longman gave 195*l.* to the poor of the city, of which this parish had a part."

This was a gross sum, of which the share belonging to St. Werburgh's parish was probably expended at the time upon parish objects.

In the account book for 1699, we find the following entry :—

"Received of Mrs. Longman's gift, for our parish, 5*l.*"

MR. RICHARD BLAKE'S GIFT.

It appears by the churchwarden's accounts for 1771, that Mr. Richard Blake bequeathed a legacy of 50*l.* to this parish, the interest to be laid out yearly by the minister, churchwardens, and vestry, in clothing such poor people of the parish, members of the church of England, as they should think fit.

This sum has been lost to the parish, having never been accounted for, from the year above-mentioned. It probably was involved in the insolvency of Mr. Fowle, as above-mentioned.

GIFT SERMONS.

The following gift sermons are thus recorded on the church tables :—

"Doctor Thomas White, a native of this city, gave 10*l.* for four sermons, to be preached in this church."

"Mr. Humphrey Brown, that had borne the office of sheriff in this city, gave 7*l.* for the reading morning prayers at six of the clock through the year, in this church."

"Likewise, he also gave 40*s.* for four sermons, to be preached in this church."

"1661, Joseph Jackson, some time mayor and alderman of this city, gave 200*l.* to be put into the chamber, and the profit thereof to be issued out for the encouragement of preaching the word of God in this parish."

Dr. White's and Humphrey Brown's gifts are stated in the Eighth Report, under the head of Corporation Charities.

Ten pounds as the interest on the 200*l.* given by Mr. Jackson, (*see* his will, dated 15th November, 1658, to the same effect, in the registry book of wills of the corporation, No. 2,) as well as the 10*l.* from Dr. White, and the 2*l.* from Humphrey Brown, making together an annual sum of 22*l.* per annum, are paid by the chamberlain to the rector, and the duty is performed.

HUMPHREY BROWN'S GIFT.

By a deed-poll, dated 11th January, 1624, Humphrey Brown, in honour of Almighty God, and for the advancement of his divine service, to be celebrated in the parish churches thereinafter mentioned, gave, granted, and confirmed unto John Gray, and William Pitt, two of the aldermen of Bristol, and divers other persons therein named, parishioners of the parish of St. Warboroughe, and also to certain persons therein named, parishioners of the parish of Christ Church, an annuity of 7*l.* to be issuing out of the premises therein mentioned, being a messuage, farm, and lands, called or known by the name of Elberton's Farm, in the parish of Elberton, in the county of Gloucester; to hold and enjoy the same to them, upon trust, that the same should be by the said grantees, their heirs and assigns, paid and divided in manner following; viz. to the minister of the said parish church of St. Warboroughe, for the time being, 5*l.* thereof by quarterly payments; and to the clerk of the same parish, for the time being, 20*s.* by the same quarterly payments; and the 20*s.* residue to be by equal portions paid for providing of candles, to be employed for lights to be used in the morning in times of the year needful, for the better seeing to celebrate the said divine service; the same payments to continue so long as there should be public divine service used to be every day celebrated in the said church, at or near about six o'clock in the morning, without wilful or negligent failure above one month together in any one year; with a provision in case of such failure, the said annuity of 5*l.* should be paid to the minister of Christ Church parish, for the time being, and his successors; and the 20*s.* to the clerk of the same parish, and to his successors; and the 20*s.* residue, to be for providing candles for celebrating the said divine service in Christ Church, with a provision for renewing the trustees when reduced to four.

The annuity is regularly received from Gabriel Goldney, Esquire, of Clifton Hill, who is the owner of the property out of which the rent-charge issues, and is paid to the rector of St. Werburgh.

Divine service is not celebrated according to the intentions of the testator; but there is a lecture every Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, in St. Werburgh's church, which may be considered as a substitution for the service required by the donor, and for which the annuity is regularly paid.

PARISH OF TEMPLE.

Miscellaneous Charities:—
- William Pitt's Charity.
- Arthur Farmer's Charity.
- Mary Gray's Charity.
- John Graye's Charity.
- John Jayne's Charity.
- Abraham Birkin's Charity.
- John Hudson and George Hudson's Charities.
- Matthew Nicklus's Charity.
- Grace Bowen's Charity.
- Elizabeth Nicklus's Charity.
- John Wadham's Charity.
- Elizabeth Gibbs's Charity.
- Sarah Taylard's Charity.
- Thomas Goldsmith's Charity.
- Sarah Smith's Charity.
- George Knight's Charity.
- Charity of Edward Batten and Mary his wife.
- Sir John Knight's Charity.
- Jeremiah Holloway's Charity.
- Robert Amberson's Charity.
- Jane Shute's Charity.
- John Brittain's Charity.
- John Newman's Charity.
- Isaac Hollier's Charity.
- Thomas Brayne's Charity.
- John Baker's Charity.
- Ann Knight's Charity.
- Daniel Taylor's Charity.
- John Pennington's Charity.
- Arthur Sandall's Charity.
- Mary Curtis's Charity.
- Ann Bowen's Charity.
- George White's Charity.
- William Goldsmith's Charity.
- Thomas Guest's Charity.
- Lucy Pester's Charity.
- Robert Markham's Charity.
- William Colston's Charity.
- Mrs. Sarah Colston's Charity.
- Sarah Cornish's Charity.
- Abraham Short's Charity.
- Alderman Harrington's Charity.
- Mary Stiles's Charity.
- Richard Ditty's Charity.
- Francis Glede's Charity.
- Samuel Hale's Charity.
- Richard Vickris's Charity.
- Abraham Sperrin's Charity.
- John Barker's Charity.
- Alice Robert's Charity.
- Charities of Robert Rogers and Sir Richard Rogers.
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MISCELLANEOUS CHARITIES.

WILLIAM PITT'S CHARITY.

BY a deed poll, dated 23d November, 1639, 16 Charles I, (a copy of which was produced,) after reciting that William Pitt, of the city of Bristol, merchant, by his will dated 2d October, 1630, after directing that all his father's debts and legacies, and his own should be discharged, gave the remainder of his estate to the poor of Redcliff parish, St. Thomas parish, and Temple parish, to be disposed of as his mother or her executor should think fit, and made his mother executrix; and further reciting that the said Mary Pitt, his mother, by her last will and testament, dated 8th June, 1634, willed that 80*l.* according to the gift and intent of her son, William Pitt, should be given, bestowed, and disposed in bread by her executors, to remain for ever, to be divided amongst the poor people of the parishes of St. Thomas, St. Mary Redcliff, and Temple, in Bristol, being to be settled in land, to remain for ever; and the better part of three parts to be given to St. Thomas parish, and appointed her son, Robert Pitt, to be her executor: it is witnessed, that Walter Stephens, and Arthur Farmer, churchwardens of the parish of St. Thomas, Matthew Warren and Michael Pope, overseers of the poor of the said parish; George Carr and Robert Tempest, churchwardens of the parish of Redcliff aforesaid, James Warren and John Rock, overseers of the poor of the same parish; John Barnes and Francis Barnes, churchwardens of the parish of Temple, and Edward Elliott and William Middlemore, overseers of the poor of the same parish, did thereby acknowledge to have had and received of the said Robert Pitt, the said sum of four score pounds, to be employed to and for such uses as in the said several wills and testaments are expressed; and as touching the right division of the said sum between the said parishes, it was agreed between them, that all profits thereof made from time to time should be divided into sixteen equal parts, whereof six parts should be for the poor of St. Thomas parish, and five parts a piece for the poor of either of the other parishes.

It appears from an entry in the account of John Gray, churchwarden, in the year 1648, that the sum of 25*l.* as the gift of William Pitt, with 1*l.* 5*s.* as one year's interest of the same, was paid by Walter Stephens to the said John Gray, and carried by him to the parish account.

It does not appear distinctly, whether this sum was laid out in the purchase of land or not; but in the account of John Gray, who was churchwarden in the year 1659, the

following entry appears amongst the accounts of moneys paid to Robert Berkill, a baker, being the gifts of particular persons for the poor, to be given in bread weekly, viz. :— "*Item.* Paid, which was the purchasing of the vestry, and part of the gift of Mr. Pitt's, for a parcel of ground which we hold in Bedminster, 2*l.*;" from whence it may be inferred, that this gift was laid out, together with other moneys by the vestry, in the purchase of land at Bedminster.

It appears also by the account of John Hawkins, who was churchwarden in the year 1675, and by the counterpart of a conveyance from the feoffees of the church lands belonging to this parish, dated 11th June, 27th Charles II, (1675), that a piece of land at Bedminster was sold by them to William Lloyd, for the sum of 60*l.*, which sum is credited by the said James Hawkins, to the account of the parish for that year.

It cannot be traced, after a careful examination of the accounts of the parish, that any specific sum has been paid on account of the interest or income of this gift, since the date of the above entry in 1659; but it appears in the accounts that considerable sums have been yearly paid for bread distributed to the poor, among which, it is probable, the interest for this gift has been included.

It is, however, understood not to be included in the bread distributed among the poor at the present time; but the churchwardens have engaged that the sum of 1*l.* 5*s.*, as the interest of the said sum of 25*l.*, shall be so distributed in bread for the future.

ARTHUR FARMER'S CHARITY.

Arthur Farmer, by his will, dated 1st January, 1667, gave to the parish of Temple, among others, the sum of 40*l.*, to be paid within twelve months after his decease to the churchwardens, vestry, and overseers of the poor of the said parish, to remain with them and their successors, for ever; and the interest of the said 40*l.* to be yearly distributed at or about the feast-day of All-Saints, in every year, to six several poor families in the parish, whereof the heads are or were freemen of the city of Bristol.—(*See* Report of Charities in Redcliff parish.)*

It is not ascertained, whether this sum of 40*l.* was received by the parish; but it appears from the churchwarden's accounts, that the sum of 2*l.* per annum, has been paid by them since the year 1671, to the families of six poor freemen, as Alderman Farmer's gift.

This sum of 40*s.* continues to be annually paid by the churchwardens to six poor freemen's families, although no account of the names of the persons among whom the same has been so distributed has hitherto been kept; but the churchwardens, upon the recommendation of the Commissioners, have engaged that such account shall be kept for the future.

* *Vide* vol. ii. p. 74.

MARY GRAY'S CHARITY.

MARY GRAY'S will could not be found; but an ancient paper, without date, purporting to be the copy of a bequest in Mrs. Gray's will, and which was among the papers belonging to the parish of Temple, was produced, and is as follows:—

"*Item*, I give the sum of 50*l.* to be laid out within two years after my decease, by my overseers hereinafter named, in purchasing lands in fee simple, for ever; the income and profits thereof, from the time of the purchase for ever, to be employed to and for the uses following, that is to say, 6*s.* 8*d.* thereof to be yearly and every year, for ever, for preaching a sermon in the parish church of Temple, by the minister for the time being, on the Sunday next after St. Andrew's-day, in the afternoon; and the residue of the said income and profit of the lands to be applied for the teaching and instructing seven poor fatherless children, in the said parish of Temple, till they are respectively able to read the Bible; such poor fatherless children to be admitted and displaced at the discretion of the said parish, at their vestry, from time to time for ever; and that out of the said income and profits such poor children from time to time, after they are well taught and are removed from school, shall have each of them a new Bible for their future reading."

This sum of 50*l.*, together with the sum of 10*l.* for interest, appears, from the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1709, to have been received in that year, and to have been carried to the credit of the said parish.

For the application of this sum see John Graye's charity.

JOHN GRAYE'S CHARITY.

JOHN GRAYE, by his will, dated the 13th day of April, 1713, (an official extract of which from the registry of the episcopal court of Bristol was produced,) *inter alia*, gave to the churchwardens of the parish of Temple, in the city of Bristol, and their successors, for ever, one annuity or yearly rent-charge of 40*s.*, to be issuing and payable yearly, for ever, out of all that his messuage, or tenement, or dwelling-house, which he then lived in, situate in Temple-street in the said city, with all its appurtenances, and to be by them yearly for ever, on the 17th November, paid and distributed in the following manner; viz. 10*s.* part thereof, to the minister of the said parish of Temple, for preaching a sermon there on that day; 2*s.* 6*d.* other part thereof, to the clerk; and 1*s.* 6*d.* other part thereof, to the sexton, for their respective attendance there; and the remainder thereof, being 1*s.* 6*d.* a year, to and for the relief and support of four sick families in the said parish, in such manner as the said churchwardens should think fit; and in case of failure of payment of the said annuities, the said testator gave the said church-

wardens power to distrain for the same as therein mentioned; and the said testator gave the said premises, charged with the said annuity, to Elizabeth Nicklus, for her life, and after her death to his kinsman, John Graye, his heirs and assigns, for ever; and the said testator, after giving another messuage or tenement in Temple-street to the guardians of the charity-school in Temple-street, then lately founded by Edward Colston, Esquire, (for the particulars of which see the report of that school in the Sixth Report,)* gave all the rest and residue of his goods and chattels, rights, and credits, his debts and legacies being first paid, unto Jeremy Rogers, John Baker, and Thomas Hollester, whom he appointed joint executors of his said will, in trust to make sale of the same, and to retain to themselves one guinea a piece for their trouble, and to defray his funeral expenses, not exceeding sixty; and to dispose of the remainder to such poor persons as they should think fit.

The rent-charge of 40*s.* per annum appears to have been regularly received by the churchwardens from the owners of the house in Temple-street, or their tenants, and the sum of 14*s.* paid to the minister, clerk, and sexton, and the remaining 26*s.*, distributed among the poor at Christmas, annually.

With respect to the residue of the testator's estate, a deed-poll, bearing date the 25th November, 1725, under the hand and seal of John Baker, then of Barton Regis, in the county of Gloucester, merchant, was produced; whereby the said John Baker, after reciting the will of the said John Graye above-mentioned, and that the said John Graye died soon after making the same; and that after all debts, legacies, and funeral charges paid, the residuary estate of the said John Graye amounted unto the sum of 120*l.*, which was then undisposed of; and reciting, that the said Jeremy Rogers and Thomas Hollester were both dead, and that the said John Baker, as surviving executor, had then in his hands the sum of 120*l.*, which, pursuant to the trust reposed in him by the said will, he was willing to have applied to the charitable uses thereafter mentioned, and for that purpose had then deposited in the hands of John Stanton and Thomas Braine, the then churchwardens of the parish of Temple, the said sum of 120*l.* (as by a receipt, indorsed on one part of the deed, appeared) he, the said John Baker, did by his said deed-poll declare, direct, and appoint that the said sum of 120*l.* should from thenceforth for ever be applied to the several uses thereinafter mentioned; *viz.* that the said churchwardens and their successors should, with all convenient speed, either lay out the same in a purchase, or put it out at interest, and yearly, for ever, apply the clear rents and profits, or the interest thereof, to the treasurer and trustees of the maids' charity-school, then founded and set up in the said parish of Temple, to be applied towards educating and clothing twenty poor maids in the said charity-shool for ever, or such other good, pious, and charitable uses as the said treasurer and trustees for the time being should direct or appoint.

The churchwarden's accounts for the year 1725 cannot be found, so that it does not appear when this sum was actually received. It seems also to be doubtful whether the churchwardens received the whole of the 120*l.*, or only 110*l.* on account thereof; but whatever was the sum received, it appears for a long series of years to have been blended with the before-mentioned gift of 50*l.* by Mary Gray, and the gift of 140*l.* by John

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 176.

Jayne, next hereinafter-mentioned, making in the whole the sum of 300*l.*, which is admitted to be in the hands of the parish on account of the said three gifts, and the interest of which is now paid to the treasurer of the girls' charity-school in Temple-street aforesaid as after-mentioned.

Prior to the year 1795, the interest paid on this sum of 300*l.* to the treasurer of the girls' charity-school aforesaid, was calculated at four per cent.; but in that year the rate of interest was raised to five per cent., at which it continued till the year 1803, when it was reduced to four per cent., amounting to 12*l.* per annum; from which sum of 12*l.* is deducted the sum of 6*s.* 8*d.*, paid to the minister of this parish by the direction of the said Mary Gray, leaving the sum of 11*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

This sum of 11*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* is now annually paid by the churchwardens of the parish of Temple to the treasurer of the girls' charity school aforesaid. (*See* the application thereof in the report of that school in the Sixth Report.)*

JOHN JAYNE'S CHARITY.

It is stated upon one of the benefaction tables in the parish church, that John Jayne, mariner, of Temple parish, gave, on the 24th June, 1740, 140*l.*, the interest thereof for the education and clothing of the poor charity girls of the said parish for ever.

This legacy of 140*l.* appears, by the account of John Brown, who was churchwarden of the parish in the year 1741, to have been received by him in that year, and carried to the general accounts of the parish.

It appears now to be blended with the two gifts of Mary Gray and John Graye, and the interest thereof paid to the treasurer of the girls' charity-school as above-mentioned.

ABRAHAM BIRKIN'S CHARITY.

Abraham Birkin, by his will, dated the 18th November, 1668, (which was proved in the Prerogative court of Canterbury on the 8th March following,) gave and devised all those two parcels or pieces of ground, with the appurtenances, situate, lying, and being within the hundred of Barton Regis, in the county of Gloucester, then or then late in the occupation of Thomas England, victualler, which he had purchased of and from John Cruso, Esquire, and the inheritance thereof, in fee, unto the then surviving feoffees of the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, of or belonging unto the parish church of Saint Mary Port, within the city of Bristol, and their successors, and their heirs, for ever, upon special trust and confidence that there should be raised, out of the rents and profits of the said lands, the sum of 10*l.* per annum, for ever, to and for such pious and charitable uses, intents, and purposes, as hereinafter-mentioned; that is to say, to the intent there should be yearly paid unto the several persons thereinafter-mentioned, the several sums

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 179.

following; viz. to four poor people, yearly, for ever, dwelling and inhabiting within the said parish of Mary Port not receiving alms, the sum of 40*s.* yearly, by 10*s.* a piece; to Jane Beale, widow, therein described, the sum of 20*s.* yearly, during her life; to two poor people, dwelling and inhabiting in the parish of Saint Nicholas, not receiving alms, during so long time as the said Jane Beale should live, the sum of 20*s.* yearly, by 10*s.* a piece; and after the death of the said Jane Beale, then to four poor people, yearly, for ever, dwelling and inhabiting within the said parish of Saint Nicholas, not receiving alms, the sum of 40*s.* yearly, by 10*s.* a piece; to Pearce Wood and his wife, the sum of 20*s.* yearly, during the term of their lives, and the life of the survivor; to two poor people dwelling and inhabiting within the parish of Saint James, not receiving alms, during so long a time as the said Pearce Wood and his wife should live, the sum of 20*s.* by 10*s.* a piece, and after the death of the survivor of the said Pearce Wood and his wife, then to four poor people, yearly, for ever, dwelling and inhabiting within the said parish of Saint James, not receiving alms, the sum of 40*s.* yearly, by 10*s.* a piece; to four poor people, yearly, for ever, dwelling and inhabiting within the parish of Temple, in the said city of Bristol, not receiving alms, the sum of 40*s.* yearly, by 10*s.* a piece. All which said several annual sums of money, he willed should be paid at the four most usual feasts or times in the year as therein-mentioned. And his will further was, that there should be paid 6*d.* a year unto Thomas Chester, Esquire, for the lord's rent of the said grounds; and that there should be paid out of the issues and profits aforesaid, the sum of 20*s.* yearly, for ever, unto the minister of the said parish of Saint Mary Port for the time being; or for want of such minister, to one other able and sufficient minister, to preach a sermon, yearly, in the said parish of Saint Mary Port, on the Sabbath-day, or Sunday in the afternoon, as should ensue, in the month of September, yearly, next after the 15th day of the said month of September; and that upon the said Sunday or Sabbath-day, yearly, after the sermon was ended, there should be 10*s.* in money, issuing out of the said rents and profits, given and distributed amongst the poor people in bread; viz. to the poor of Saint Mary Port 5*s.* in bread, and to the poor of Saint Phillip 5*s.* more in bread; and that 9*s.* 6*d.*, being the rest and residue of the said sum of 10*l.* per annum, should be yearly paid unto the collector that should gather and receive the said rent, and pay and account for the same, in lieu of his pains, care, and industry therein.

This annual sum of 40*s.* appears to have been regularly paid by the churchwardens of Saint Mary Port parish, to the churchwardens of Temple parish, who have distributed the same on Saint Thomas's day, annually, among four poor persons of Temple parish, not receiving alms, according to the directions of the said testator.

No account has hitherto been kept of the persons among whom the said gift is distributed; but the churchwardens have engaged that such account shall be kept for the future.

JOHN HUDSON AND GEORGE HUDSON'S CHARITIES.

By indenture, dated 29th September, 1710, made between John Hudson, of the one part; and John Gray and others, therein described as surviving feoffees of Temple

church-lands, of the other part; reciting, that the said John Hudson did, in the year 1702, of his own free gift, give and pay, and had ever since continued so to do, yearly, the sum of 40*s.* as an annuity or yearly rent-charge, which he intended should for ever issue out of the messuage or tenement thereafter-mentioned, and which was intended to be, yearly, applied in manner therein and hereinafter-mentioned; and further reciting, that George Hudson, deceased son of the said John Hudson, by his last will, dated the 13th February, then last, gave to the poor of the said parish of Temple the sum of 50*l.*, the interest thereof to be distributed amongst them annually, for ever; and desired his father, whom he appointed executor, to take care for a settlement thereof: and also gave to the minister of Temple parish the sum of 10*s.*, yearly, for preaching a sermon on Ash-Wednesday; and further reciting, that the said John Hudson was minded also, as his free gift, to give a further annuity of 5*s.* to the churchwardens of the said parish of Temple, for their trouble and care in the trusts thereafter reposed in them; and in order to settle the said several payments, amounting together to the sum of 5*l.* 5*s.*, had agreed to charge the same on the messuage or tenement thereafter-mentioned: it was witnessed that the said John Hudson granted to the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns, for ever, one annuity or yearly rent-charge of 5*l.* 5*s.*, clear of all taxes, to be for ever issuing out of all that messuage or tenement, theretofore divided into two tenements, situate in a street, called Back-street, otherwise Baft-street, in the parish of Saint Nicholas, in Bristol, upon trust, to apply and dispose of the same in manner following; viz. 13*s.* 4*d.* to the minister of Temple, for preaching a sermon on the feast-day of Saint John the Evangelist, the sum of 4*s.* to the clerk on the same day, and the sum of 2*s.* 8*d.* to the sexton on the same day; the sum of 20*s.* to four poor widows or housekeepers of Temple aforesaid, who should not receive weekly alms or weekly relief from the parish, equally to be divided between them on the said feast-day; the sum of 10*s.* to the minister of Temple parish, for preaching a sermon on Ash-Wednesday; the annual sum of 5*s.* to the churchwardens of the said parish, for their trouble; and the sum of 50*s.*, being the remainder of the said annual sum of 5*l.* 5*s.* to and amongst the poor of the said parish of Temple, in such manner, and by such proportions, as the churchwardens for the time being should direct.

This rent-charge of 5*l.* 5*s.* appears from the churchwarden's accounts to have been annually paid to them by the owners of the house in Back-street aforesaid, and is now paid by Mr. Joseph Green as the proprietor thereof. The several sums given to the minister, clerk, sexton, and churchwardens respectively, are annually paid to them; and the sums of 2*l.* 10*s.* and 1*l.* are distributed by the churchwardens at Christmas among the other Christmas gifts, to the poor of the said parish, as the gifts of George Hudson and John Hudson respectively.

MATTHEW NICKLUS'S CHARITY.

It is stated upon one of the benefaction tables in the church of this parish, that Captain Nicklus gave 20*l.*, the interest thereof to be paid to four poor sailors' widows,

and, for want of such, to four poor housekeepers of this parish for ever, to be distributed on the 9th November, being his birth-day.

This sum appears, from the accounts of Christopher Lipyeat, who was churchwarden of this parish in the year 1732, to have been received by him, and carried to the general account of the parish.

The sum of 1*l.*, as the interest of this gift, appears to have been annually paid by the churchwardens to the poor of this parish, among the other Christmas gifts; but the specific directions of the donor respecting this gift do not appear to have been observed.

GRACE BOWEN'S CHARITY.

Upon one of the benefaction tables in the parish church, it is mentioned that Mrs. Grace Bowen gave 15*l.*, the interest to five poor widows not receiving alms, on the 5th day of March, for ever.

Credit is given for the receipt of this sum in the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1724, and the sum of 15*s.* is annually distributed by the churchwardens to the poor of this parish among the Christmas gifts; but the directions of the donor do not appear to be otherwise observed.

ELIZABETH NICKLUS'S CHARITY.

It appears from one of the benefaction tables in the church, that Elizabeth Nicklus, widow, gave 30*l.*, the interest thereof to be disposed of to six poor sailors' widows, or, if none, to six other housekeepers not receiving alms, yearly, on the 1st day of February, being the day of her birth.

This sum of 30*l.* appears to have been received by Jonathan Weston, who was churchwarden in the year 1731, and is carried by him to the general account of the parish.

The sum of 1*l.* 10*s.*, as interest thereof, is annually distributed by the churchwardens of the parish among the poor, together with the other gifts at Christmas; but the directions of the donor are not otherwise complied with.

JOHN WADHAM'S CHARITY.

Upon one of the benefaction tables in the parish church is the following statement,

viz. "Mr. John Wadham, a native of this parish, gave 50*l.*, the interest thereof to be given to four poor widows of this parish, at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens, on the 29th October yearly, for ever; glaziers' widows to have the preference; and also 50*l.*, the interest thereof to the support and maintenance of the charity-school for girls, established in this parish."

It appears from the accounts of James Curtis, who was churchwarden in the year 1798, that the sum of 47*l.*, being the amount of the legacy after deducting the legacy-duty, was then received by him; and that in the same year the sum of 49*l.* 4*s.* was invested in the purchase of 100*l.* three per cent. consolidated stock.

The dividend of 3*l.* on this stock is received by the churchwardens; but the sum of 40*s.* only is annually distributed among four poor widows, and the remainder carried to the general account.

This appears to be a mistake, and the churchwardens have engaged that the whole sum of 3*l.* shall be distributed among four poor widows for the future.

For the application of the legacy of 50*l.*, given to the support of the charity-school for girls in this parish, *see* the report on that charity in the Sixth Report.

ELIZABETH GIBBS'S CHARITY.

It appears from one of the tables of benefactions in the parish church, that Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbs, of this parish, gave the sum of 50*l.*, the interest thereof to be given to four poor housekeepers not receiving alms, on Christmas day, for ever.

This sum appears from the account of Mr. Joseph Rigg, who was churchwarden in the year 1769, to have been then received by him, and carried to the credit of the general account of the parish.

The sum of 40*s.* is annually distributed by the churchwardens among the Christmas gifts, as the interest of this legacy of 50*l.*

SARAH TAYLARD'S CHARITY.

Sarah Taylard, by her will, dated 3d December, 1783, gave to the parish of Temple 50*l.*, the interest to be given every Monday in Easter week to two maiden women, upwards of fifty years of age, to such as the executors should think fit to give.

It does not appear when this sum of 50*l.* was received by the parish; but the sum of 2*l.*, as the interest thereof, is distributed by the churchwardens among two poor persons equally every year.

THOMAS GOLDSMITH'S CHARITY.

By an indenture, dated the 21st July, 1688, made between Robert Smith and Sarah his wife, executors of the will of Thomas Goldsmith, deceased, of the one part; and Walter Hawkins, and others, of the other part; reciting, that the said Thomas Goldsmith, by his will, dated 18th December, 1683, devised to the said parties of the second part, one annuity or yearly rent of 10*l.* clear of all taxes, to be issuing out of the messuage called the Blackmoor's Head, situate at the end of Tucker-street, till other provision for the payment of the said 10*l.* per annum, out of lands to be purchased was made, should be paid to the said parties of the second part, upon trust, until other provision should be made to pay the said rent of 10*l.* in manner following; viz. 4*l.*, parcel thereof to the churchwardens of the parish of Temple, to be by them distributed in bread on Sunday in every week, to the poor of the said parish, at their discretion; and 40*s.* per annum, other part thereof, to the two masters of the company of Cloth-workers in Bristol, to be by them distributed by 10*s.* a quarter, at their usual quarter days, to and amongst the poor of their almshouse, situate in the parish of Temple; and 40*s.* per annum, other part thereof, to the masters for the time being of the company of Weavers, to be by them distributed in the same manner to and amongst the poor of their almshouse, situate in the said parish of Temple; and the 40*s.* per annum, residue thereof, to Martha Hyatt, widow, during her life, and, after her death, to be paid to the said churchwardens, to be by them distributed to and amongst six poor widows of the said parish of Temple, yearly, on St. Thomas's day, at their discretion; and that the said Thomas Goldsmith, by his will, after reciting that the provision for payment of the said 10*l.* would determine with the lease of the said tenement called Blackmoor's Head, without further provision, he appointed that his executors should, within four years after his death, lay out 200*l.* in the purchase of the inheritance of 10*l.* in lands or houses, in or near the city of Bristol, to be settled on the said parties of the second part, and their heirs, in trust, for the payment of 10*l.* per annum out of the same, to and amongst the poor of the said parish of Temple, in such manner as the said annuity of 10*l.*, to be issuing out of the said tenement called Blackmoor's Head, was before-mentioned, for ever; and that from and after such purchase and settlement, it was his further will that the said annuity out of the Blackmoor's Head should cease and determine: it was witnessed, that for securing and settling the payment of the said annuity of 10*l.*, to the uses, intents, and purposes in the said recited will directed and appointed, and for discharging the said tenement called Blackmoor's Head, the said Robert Smith and Sarah his wife did give and grant to the said parties of the second part, one annuity or yearly rent of 10*l.*, to be issuing out of all that messuage or tenement, and two overshot water-grist-mills standing under one roof, commonly called Macks Mills, with the appurtenances; and out of all those threescore and eighteen acres and three roods, by estimation, of arable, meadow, and pasture ground in the said indenture more particularly mentioned, to hold to the grantees to and for the uses, intents, and purposes in

the said recited will mentioned, directed, and appointed, and at such days and times, and by such parts and proportions, as was in the said will limited and directed.

For the application of this rent-charge,—*see* the following charity:—

SARAH SMITH'S CHARITY.

By an indenture, dated 11th November, 1806, Sarah Smith, widow, granted to Thomas Hollister, and others, their heirs, and assigns, for ever, one annuity or yearly rent of 5*l.*, to be issuing out of all that one quarter part of the manor of Sandford, in the county of Somerset, and its rights, members, and appurtenances, and one quarter part of all the messuages, tenements, lands, and hereditaments thereto belonging, upon trust, to pay 40*s.*, parcel of the said annuity, to the master of the company of Weavers, to be by him distributed by 10*s.* a quarter, at the usual quarter days, to and amongst the poor of their almshouse, situate in the said parish of Temple; 40*s.*, other parcel thereof to the master of the company of Tuckers (or clothworkers,) to be by him distributed in the same manner, to and amongst the poor of their almshouse, situate in the parish of Temple, aforesaid; and 20*s.* the residue thereof, to the churchwardens of the said parish of Temple, to be by them distributed amongst three poor widows of the same parish, yearly, on St. Thomas's-day, at their discretion.

The whole of the premises charged with the payment of the above two annuities of 10*l.* and 5*l.* are now the property of Mr. Thomas Smith, of Bedminster, who appears to have paid for several years past the sum of 11*l.* per annum, to the churchwardens of Temple parish, and 4*l.* per annum to the Tuckers or clothworkers' company.

The churchwardens of Temple parish pay 4*l.* per annum, part of the said sum of 11*l.* to the Weavers' company; the sums of 2*l.* and 1*l.*, other part thereof, are distributed annually as the gifts of Thomas Goldsmith and Sarah Smith respectively, among the Christmas gifts in this parish, and the remaining sum of 4*l.* is distributed annually by the churchwardens among the gifts of weekly bread to the poor.

It appears upon examining the parish account, that in June, 1787, the sum of 42*l.* was received by the then churchwardens as the arrears of Thomas Goldsmith's gift to six poor widows, due 25th March, 1787; but this sum does not appear to have been distributed for the use of the charity.

(For the application of the sums paid to the Clothworkers and Weavers' companies respectively, *see* the report on those companies when taken.)

GEORGE KNIGHT'S CHARITY.

By an indenture dated 25th January, 1659, made between Matthew Warren, and several other persons, feoffees of the messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, commonly called Temple Church Lands, within the parish of Temple, in the city of Bristol, of the

one part, and Francis Knight and John Knight, therein described, of the other part; reciting that George Knight, deceased, the father of the said Francis Knight and John Knight, by his last will and testament, gave and appointed the sum of 36*l.* to be paid to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Temple aforesaid, for the use of the feoffees of Temple church lands, to be so secured that the profits thereof might be disposed in form following; that is to say, 10*s.* yearly, for preaching a sermon in the said parish church yearly, for ever, on the 25th day of December; 2*s.* 6*d.* to the clerk and sexton, and the residue of the profits thereof to be bestowed in bread to be distributed weekly on the Sabbath-day, for ever, to and amongst the poor of the said parish; and appointed the said Francis and John Knight his excutors: it was witnessed, that the said Francis and John Knight, the executors, in furtherance and advancement of their said father's charitable intention had, with the consent of the said feoffees, paid and delivered over to John Gray, then one of the churchwardens of the said parish of Temple, the sum of 37*l.* 10*s.* of lawful money of England, of which sum the said feoffees did thereby acknowledge the receipt for themselves, their heirs and assigns, and did grant and agree, to and with the said Francis Knight and John Knight, that there should from thenceforth, yearly for ever, the sum of 44*s.* 6*d.* on the first day of December, be by the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns, paid to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of Temple, for the time being, to the intent and purpose that the said churchwardens and overseers should procure the said sermon to be preached, and the several other sums paid according to the tenor of the said will and testament of the said George Knight, and with the overplus of the said yearly sum should bestow four two-penny loaves weekly in bread, and distribute the same on every Sabbath-day, to and amongst the poor people of the said parish of Temple, as the gift of the said George Knight, and in such like manner as other like gifts were in the same parish bestowed and distributed.

It appears from the churchwarden's accounts, that they annually pay in respect of this gift the following sums; viz. 12*s.* 6*d.* to the vicar of this parish for preaching a sermon on Christmas-day, and 1*s.* 6*d.* each to the clerk and sexton, and the sum of 8*d.* per week for bread, which is distributed by them among the poor weekly, making in the whole the sum of 2*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* a year.

CHARITY OF EDWARD BATTEN AND MARY HIS WIFE.

By a statement upon one of the benefaction tables in the parish church, it appears that Edward Batten and Mary his wife gave 40*l.*, the benefit thereof to be distributed in bread weekly to the poor of this parish, for ever.

There does not appear to be any account of the receipt of this gift in the churchwarden's accounts of this parish, now existing; but the sum of 40*s.* per annum appears to have long been, and still continues to be, distributed in bread by the churchwardens, weekly, among the poor of this parish, as the gift of Edward and Mary Batten.

SIR JOHN KNIGHT'S CHARITY.

It is stated upon one of the benefaction tables in the church of this parish, that Sir John Knight, the elder alderman of that city, gave 20*l.*, the profit thereof to be given in bread, weekly, for ever, besides 22*l.* given to the poor immediately.

This sum of 20*l.*, appears from the churchwarden's accounts to have been received by the parish in the year 1683.

The annual sum of 1*l.*, as the interest thereof, has been, and still continues to be, distributed by the churchwardens in their weekly distribution of bread among the poor of this parish.

JEREMIAH HOLLOWAY'S CHARITY.

It is stated also upon the same benefaction table, that Mr. Jeremiah Holloway, senior, merchant, gave 20*l.*, the profits thereof to be given in bread to the poor of this parish, for ever.

This sum of 20*l.* appears, by the accounts of Joseph Fincher, who was churchwarden in the year 1685, to have been then received by him, and carried to the account of the parish.

The sum of 1*l.*, as the interest thereof, hath been and still continues to be distributed by the churchwardens, among their weekly distributions of bread to the poor.

ROBERT AMBERSON'S CHARITY.

It is stated upon one of the benefaction tables in the parish church, that Mr. Robert Amberson, merchant, gave 25*l.*, the profit thereof to be given in bread to the poor of this parish, weekly, for ever.

This sum of 25*l.* appears from the account of William Pope, who was churchwarden of this parish in the year 1686, to have been then received by him, and carried to the general parish account.

The annual sum of 25*s.*, as interest of the said gift, has been, and continues to be, distributed in bread by the churchwardens, among their weekly distributions to the poor of this parish.

JANE SHUTE'S CHARITY.

It is stated on one of the benefaction tables in the parish church, that Mrs. Jane Shute, daughter of Sir John Knight, deceased, in the year 1716, gave 10*l.* to the poor of this parish, the interest thereof to be given in bread on Christmas-day, yearly, for ever.

No trace can be found, upon an examination of the churchwarden's accounts, of the receipt of this sum, or of any payment on account of it.

JOHN BRITTAIN'S CHARITY.

It is also stated upon a benefaction table in this church, that Mr. John Brittain, in the year 1724, gave 20*l.*, the interest thereof to the poor in bread, on Christmas day, for ever. There does not appear, in the churchwarden's account, any trace of the receipt of this sum, or of any payment in respect thereof.

JOHN NEWMAN'S CHARITY.

It appears from a benefaction table in the parish church, that Mr. John Newman, plumber, on the 11th May, 1724, gave 26*l.*, the profit in second bread to the poor of this parish, on the Lord's day, for ever.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1724, credit is given for the receipt of this sum, and 1*l.* 6*s.* per annum as the interest thereof has been, and continues to be, distributed in bread by the churchwardens, among their weekly distributions of bread to the poor of this parish.

ISAAC HOLLIER'S CHARITY.

It also appears from a benefaction table in this church, that Mr. Isaac Hollier, of Wolverhampton, left 10*l.* by will, the interest thereof for the poor of this parish, in bread, yearly, for ever.

This gift of 10*l.* appears from the churchwarden's accounts to have been received in 1729, and the sum of 10*s.*, as the interest thereof, is distributed by the churchwardens among their weekly distributions of bread to the poor.

THOMAS BRAYNE'S CHARITY.

It also appears, from a benefaction table in the parish church, that Mr. Thomas Brayne, formerly of this parish, gave 150*l.*, the interest thereof to be applied to the following uses; viz. 40*s.* yearly, to the vicar for two sermons, one on the 14th May, the other on the 20th November; 2*s.* 6*d.* to the clerk, and 1*s.* 6*d.* to the sexton, on each day; the remainder of the interest to be distributed in sixpenny bread to the poor, on the weekly pay-list, on the day above-mentioned, for ever.

In the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1760, credit is given for this sum of 150*l.*, as received from the executors of Thomas Brayne, deceased.

This parish allows interest upon this legacy at the rate of four per cent., making 6*l.* per annum, whereof 2*l.* is paid to the vicar for the two sermons above-mentioned; 8*s.* to the clerk and sexton, and the remaining 3*l.* 12*s.* is distributed in bread to the poor by the churchwardens, on the 14th May and 15th October, annually.

JOHN BAKER'S CHARITY.

John Baker, by his will, dated 9th October, 1724, gave 20*s.* to be expended in bread, and given to the poor of the parish of Temple, on the 15th October, for ever, yearly; and 20*s.* yearly, for ever, to be divided between the parson, clerk, and sexton of Temple parish, as follows; viz. 10*s.* to the parson, and 10*s.* to the clerk and sexton, for a sermon to be preached at that church, yearly, on the 15th day of October, or on the Wednesday next following, for ever.

It does not appear that any of the above annual sums were paid previous to the year 1761, when, in consequence of several previous applications to the trustees of the said John Baker, made by the direction of the vestry, the sum of 50*l.* was paid to the then churchwardens of the parish, as appears from their accounts for that year. The sum of 40*s.* a year is allowed by the parish as the interest of the said sum of 50*l.*, whereof 10*s.* is paid to the vicar for a sermon, and 5*s.* each to the clerk and sexton, on the 15th October, annually, and the remaining 20*s.* is distributed in bread to the poor, at or about the same time.

ANN KNIGHT'S CHARITY.

It is stated upon a benefaction table in the church, that Mrs. Ann Knight, daughter of Thomas Knight, Esquire, third son of Sir John Knight, in the year 1725, gave 100*l.*, the interest thereof to be given in bread to such poor of the parish as were most in need of it, the one-half on the 9th May, and the other half on the 22d September, for ever.

This legacy of 100l., together with 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for interest thereon, due 29th September, 1735, making together 101*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, appears, by the accounts of Richard Spencer, who was churchwarden in the year 1735, to have been then received by him, and carried to the general account of the parish. The sum of 4*l.* per annum, as the interest of this legacy, is distributed by the churchwardens, in bread among the poor of this parish, one-half on the 9th May, and the other half on the 22d September, in every year, according to the direction of the donor.

DANIEL TAYLOR'S CHARITY.

It appears, from a benefaction table in this church, that Mr. Daniel Taylor, in the year 1779, bequeathed 100*l.*, the interest thereof to be distributed amongst the poor of this parish in bread, on the 14th day of March, yearly, for ever.

In the account of Thomas Knight, who was churchwarden in the year 1780, credit is given for the receipt of this legacy of 100*l.*, which is carried to the general account of this parish.

The sum of 4*l.*, as the interest of this legacy, is distributed by the churchwardens in bread among the poor of this parish, on the 14th March, annually.

JOHN PENNINGTON'S CHARITY.

John Pennington, by his will, dated 27th February, 1813, and proved in the Prerogative court of Canterbury on the 19th February, 1814, gave to the minister and churchwardens of Temple, his native parish, 100*l.*, the interest thereof to be given to the poor in bread, on the 20th February, yearly, of which an entry is made in the vestry book of the parish, dated 28th April, 1814.

This sum of 100*l.* was received by Mr. Preston Edgar, who was the churchwarden, about the month of May, 1814, and after deducting 10*l.* for the legacy duty, and 4*s.* 6*d.*

per annum, the remainder, being 89*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* was, on the 18th May, 1814, invested in the purchase of 134*l.* 1*s.* 11d. three per cent. consolidated bank annuities, in the names of the Reverend Robert Watson, (who was then the vicar of Temple parish,) James Curtis, and John Wilmott, in which names the said stock is now standing.

The dividends thereof are received and distributed by the churchwardens in bread among the poor of the parish, on the 20th February, yearly.

ARTHUR SANDALL'S CHARITY.

In the minute book of the vestry of this parish, dated 17th September, 1817, is the following entry, viz. "That Mr. William Gwyer presented an abstract of the will of Mr. Arthur Sandall, wherein the sum of 40*l.* was given in trust to the churchwardens, to be placed out in their and two of the vestry gentlemen's joint names, either in the public funds or other securities, the interest to be given in bread annually to poor persons belonging to the said parish, 40*l.*—less duty 4*l.*—36*l.* On the same day it was resolved, that the aforesaid sum of 36*l.* should remain in Mr. William Gwyer's hands, at interest after the rate of 5*l.* per cent. per annum."

This sum of 36*l.* still remains in Mr. Gwyer's hands, who pays the sum of 36*s.* annually, as the interest, which is distributed, by the churchwardens, in bread at Christmas among the poor of the parish.

MARY CURTIS'S CHARITY.

Mrs. Mary Curtis, by her will, charged certain lands in Latteridge, in the county of Gloucester, with the payment of an annuity of 2*l.* 2*s.* per annum, to the minister of the parish of Temple, and devised the same premises so charged to the Reverend Henry Shute. She died about the year 1784.

Mr. Shute has regularly paid this annuity to the minister of Temple parish, although he considers the charge to be void under the statute of mortmain; but has expressed his intention to continue the payment for his life, and to provide for the future payment of the same, by an investment of a sufficient sum of money in the public funds.

ANN BOWEN'S CHARITY.

Miss Ann Bowen, by her will, dated 19th August, 1801, bequeathed to the Reverend Robert Watson, vicar of the parish of Temple, the sum of 100*l.*, upon trust,

to invest the same at interest, in the names of the vicar and churchwardens of the same parish for the time being, on such security as he should think proper, so as that the same should not be at any time laid out in the purchase, or on the security, of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments; and she directed, that the sum of two guineas should be annually paid out of the interest and dividends of the said sum of 100*l.* to the vicar of the said parish, for a sermon to be preached in the church of the said parish on Good Friday, yearly, for ever; and 5*s.* out of such interest to the clerk, and 5*s.* to the sexton, on Good Friday, for ever; and the residue she directed should be disposed of by the vicar of the same parish, on the 2d day of May, yearly, for ever, to such four poor persons of the said parish as the said vicar should in his discretion think fit.

This legacy was paid to the said Robert Watson, in the month of November, 1802, who paid thereout 6*l.* for the legacy duty, and on the 29th of the same month purchased 94*l.* in the Navy five per cent. annuities, which, with the expenses, cost 96*l.* 12*s.*, so that Mr. Watson was then 2*l.* 12*s.* in advance, which he repaid himself out of the first year's dividends of 4*l.* 14*s.*, leaving the sum of 2*l.* 2*s.*, which he retained on account of the first year's gift to himself.

Mr. Watson continued to receive the dividends yearly, from that time till the year 1816, (when he left the vicarage); and after retaining the sum of 2*l.* 2*s.* for himself, and paying 5*s.* each to the clerk and sexton, distributed the remainder among four poor women of the parish, according to the direction of the donor.

Since Mr. Watson quitted the vicarage in 1816, he has received the dividends on the said stock, yearly, and paid them over to the Reverend Fountain Elwin, the present vicar, who has regularly applied them in the same manner.

The said sum of 94*l.* five per cent. Navy annuities, is now standing in the names of the Reverend Robert Watson, George Lewis, and Richard Sloper, since deceased.

GEORGE WHITE'S CHARITY.

By indenture, dated 4th May, 1640, reciting, that George White, deceased, by his will, dated 19th July, in the 10th year of the reign of King Charles, gave to the parishioners and churchwardens of the parish of Temple, the sum of 25*l.*, to be by them so laid out as, by the profit thereby arising, a sermon might be yearly preached in Temple cross, upon every Saint George's-day, by some sufficient preacher, to be appointed by the mayor and aldermen; and further reciting, that the executor had paid the said sum of 25*l.*: it was witnessed that the feoffees of the lands belonging to the said parish church of Temple, by and with the consent of the churchwardens, vestrymen, and parishioners, did for themselves, their heirs and assigns, grant and agree with certain persons thereinmentioned, their heirs and assigns, that the said sermon should be for ever thereafter duly preached, according to the intent of the said George White, and that the sum of 13*s.* 4*d.* should be paid yearly to the preacher that should preach the same.

The indenture (which was produced) does not appear to be either signed or sealed, but the churchwardens have long paid, and continue to pay, 1*l.* yearly to the vicar of the parish in respect of this gift, who preaches a sermon on Saint George's-day, yearly.

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH'S CHARITY.

It is stated upon a benefaction table in the church, that Mr. William Goldsmith gave 10*l.*, the profits thereof to be distributed in bread, on the 20th of January, to the poor of this parish for ever.

It appears, from the churchwarden's accounts, that this gift was not received by the parish until the year 1763, although the sum of 12*s.*, as the interest of this gift, appears in the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1671, to have been then distributed among thirty-six poor people, by giving to each of them a four-penny loaf. Interest was continued to be paid for this charity, among the Christmas payments, until the year 1800, since which time it does not appear that the parish has paid or applied any specific sum in respect of the interest of this gift.

THOMAS GUEST'S CHARITY.

The benefaction table further states, that Thomas Guest, of Exon, gave 10*l.*, the profits therof to the poor of this parish, yearly, for ever.

This sum of 10*l.* appears, by the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1672, to have been then received and carried to the parish account; but no trace can be found in the parish books of any specific payment having been made in respect thereof, and nothing is now paid.

LUCY PESTERS'S CHARITY.

It is also recorded on a benefaction table in the church, that Mrs. Lucy Pesters, widow, gave unto the poor of this parish 50*l.*, the profit thereof to them, yearly for ever.

This sum of 50*l.* appears, by the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1674, to have been received and carried to the account of the parish.

It also appears, from the same accounts, that 3*l.* was paid the next year by the churchwardens to "the widow Underhill," as the interest of this gift, and that the same sum was continued to be paid to the same person till the year 1696, since which time it does not appear that any specific sum has been paid by the parish in respect of this gift.

ROBERT MARKHAM'S CHARITY.

It is stated on a benefaction table in the church, that Mr. Robert Markham, of

London, gave 10., the profit thereof to be given to the poor of this parish in bread, on St. Paul's-day, yearly, for ever.

This sum of 10*l.* appears, from the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1676, to have been then received and carried to the general account of the parish.

Ten shillings, as the interest thereof, appears to have been distributed by the churchwardens among their Christmas gifts, in money, to the poor of this parish, down to the year 1800, since which time it does not appear that any payment has been made on account of the interest of this gift.

WILLIAM COLSTON'S CHARITY.

The benefaction table in the church also states, that William Colston, Esquire, merchant, and some time sheriff of this city, gave 50*l.* to this parish, the profits thereof weekly in bread to the poor, for ever.

This gift of 50*l.* appears from the churchwarden's accounts for the year 1683, to have been then received and carried to the general account of the parish.

The sum of 2*l.* 10*s.*, as the interest thereof, has been, and continues to be, distributed by the churchwardens in bread, among their weekly distributions of bread to the poor of this parish.

MRS. SARAH COLSTON'S CHARITY.

It is also stated on the benefaction table, that Mrs. Sarah Colston, widow, gave 50*l.*, the interest thereof to be given to six poor housekeepers of this parish, not receiving any alms, at Christmas, yearly, for ever.

It appears, from the vestry book of this parish, that on the 12th February, 1704, Mr. Ezekiel Longman paid the sum of 50*l.* to this parish, as the gift of Mrs. Sarah Colston.

The sum of 2*l.* 10*s.*, as the interest of this legacy, appears to be annually distributed by the churchwardens of this parish among the Christmas gifts.

SARAH CORNISH'S CHARITY.

It appears from a benefaction table in the church, that Mrs. Sarah Cornish, widow, gave the sum of 50*l.*, the interest thereof to be given unto four poor widows, not receiving alms, on the 31st day of December, yearly, for ever.

In the accounts of Samuel Wilson, who was churchwarden in the year 1772, credit is given for the sum of 50*l.* as received by him from Abraham Gadd, for a legacy left by Mrs. Sarah Cornish to the poor.

The sum of 40*s.*, as the interest of this gift, is annually distributed by the churchwardens among the Christmas gifts, but the directions of the donor do not appear to be otherwise observed.

ABRAHAM SHORT'S CHARITY.

From a statement on one of the benefaction tables in the church, it appears that Mr. Abraham Short, of Hamburgh, and servant to Mr. John Hine, of this parish, sugar baker, gave 10*l.*, the use thereof weekly in bread to the poor of this parish, for ever.

There does not appear, upon an examination of the churchwarden's accounts, as far as can be traced, any entry of the receipt of this gift of 10*l.*; but the sum of 10*s.*, as the interest thereof has long been, and still continues to be distributed in bread by the churchwardens, in their weekly distribution of bread to the poor of this parish.

ALDERMAN HARRINGTON'S CHARITY.

By a deed, dated 24th March, 13 Charles I., the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the city of Bristol, in consideration of 540*l.*, paid to them by George Harrington, one of the aldermen of the said city, covenanted that they would yearly, for ever, after his decease, pay the sum of 26*l.* in form following; viz. on Saturday, weekly, for ever, 10*s.* thereof to some poor householder, being a burgess, or the widow of a burgess of the said city, which should inhabit some one of the parishes in the said city, as mentioned in a schedule annexed to the said deed, to be recommended by the churchwardens and overseers of the said parishes respectively; and that the churchwardens and overseers of the said parishes should receive the said gift from time to time, as the said parishes were set down in the said schedule, one after another; and the parish of Temple is therein set down as entitled to receive the sum of 10*s.* each quarter.

[*See* the report of the corporation charities, in the Sixth Report,* George Harrington's gift.]

It appears from the accounts kept by the churchwardens of this parish, that the sum of 40*s.* a year has been regularly received by them from the corporation of Bristol, and distributed at Christmas, yearly, among poor housekeeepers belonging to the said parish.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 94.

MARY STILES'S CHARITY.

Mary Stiles, by will, dated the 5th August, 1641, gave towards the raising and increasing of a stock for the poor of Saint Thomas, Temple, and Redcliff parishes, 10*l.* for each parish.—(*See* report on Saint Thomas's parish.)*

It cannot be ascertained when this sum was received by the parish; but it appears from the churchwarden's accounts, which were produced, that the sum of 10*s.* per annum, as the interest of this legacy, has, ever since the year 1648, been, and still continues to be, distributed by the churchwardens, in bread to the poor of this parish, weekly.

RICHARD DITTY'S CHARITY.

It is stated, upon one of the benefaction tables in the parish church, that Mr. Richard Ditty gave 10*l.*, the benefit thereof to be distributed in bread to the poor of this parish, for ever.

It does not appear when this sum of 10*l.* was received by the parish; but the annual sum of 10*s.*, as the interest thereof, has long been carried by the churchwardens to their weekly bread account, and distributed among the poor of the parish, as the gift of Richard Ditty.

FRANCIS GLEDE'S CHARITY.

This gift is precisely under the same circumstances as the like gift of 40*s.* a year, made by the same testator, to the parishes of St. Mary Redcliff and St. Thomas.—(*See* the reports of those parishes.)

Although the churchwardens of Temple parish receive only the sum of 1*l.* 18*s.* in the like manner as the parish of St. Thomas, yet they distribute the whole sum of 40*s.* according to the directions of the testator.

No account has hitherto been kept of the names of the persons among whom this sum has been annually distributed; but the churchwardens have engaged that such account shall be kept for the future.

* *Vide* vol. ii. p. 342.

SAMUEL HALE'S CHARITY.

SAMUEL HALE, by will, dated 17th August, 1686, gave the sum of 70*l.* to be paid in shares of 10*l.* each to the churchwardens of Temple parish, and six other parishes in Bristol, to be put out at interest and distributed in bread, weekly, on every Sunday, to the poor of each respective parish for ever; and he also directed his executors to put out at interest the sum of 230*l.*, and to apply the same yearly, in placing out one poor boy or girl of each parish, apprentice to some handicraft or other trade.—(*See* will, in the Report on Redcliff parish.)

There is no entry to be found of the receipt of this sum of 10*l.* among the churchwarden's accounts now in existence, in the parish of Temple; but it appears that the sum of 10*s.* has long been, and continues to be, distributed by the churchwardens among their weekly distributions of bread to the poor.

It does not appear from the books of this parish, as far as can be traced, that any part of the legacy of 230*l.* before mentioned, has been ever received by the parish of Temple, or any child put apprentice therefrom.

RICHARD VICKRIS'S CHARITY.

RICHARD VICKRIS, by his will, after reciting that he had by his deed granted to certain feoffees, for ever, one annuity of 10*l.* 8*s.* to be issuing out of a messuage in High-street, Bristol, therein mentioned, to such uses as he should appoint, declared and appointed that his said feoffees should pay and dispose thereof as follows; viz. 52*s.* part thereof, to the treasurer of the merchants' almshouse therein mentioned; 52*s.* more thereof to the churchwardens of the parish of St. James; 52*s.* more to the churchwardens of the parish of Redcliff; and the remaining 52*s.* after the death of Alice his wife, to be paid for ever to the churchwardens of the parish of Temple, to the end that they should bestow the same in bread, every Lord's day, for ever, in the parish church of Temple, by six loaves, of 2*d.* each, to such six poor persons as the churchwardens and vestry should appoint.

The messuage which was made subject to this annuity of 10*l.* 8*s.* was sold, in the year 1774, under the powers of the Bridge Act, (*see* report on Redcliff parish); and it appears from the churchwarden's accounts of Temple parish, that they received, in the year 1771, the sum of 80*l.* 12*s.* in respect of the interest of the parish therein.

The sum of 2*l.* 12*s.* is distributed by the churchwardens among their weekly distribution of bread to the poor, in respect of this charity.

ABRAHAM SPERRINS' CHARITY.

It is stated upon a benefaction table in Temple church, that Mr. Abraham Sperrins, in the year 1712, gave 50*l.* the profits thereof to the poor of this parish in bread, weekly, for ever.

The receipt of this sum could not be traced in the churchwarden's accounts; but the annual sum of 1*l.* 10*s.* in respect thereof, appears to be distributed in bread, among the weekly distributions of bread to the poor of this parish.

JOHN BARKER'S CHARITY.

John Barker, by his will, dated 26th March, 1636, gave to the feoffees of the messuages, lands, and tenements belonging to the parish church of Temple, their heirs and assigns, for ever, one annuity of 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* issuing out of his messuage in Temple-street, in trust that the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns, or the churchwardens of the said parish, should cause a sermon to be preached in the said parish church of Temple, on the first Lord's-day in every month, for ever, for the better instructing the people of the same parish in the way of God.

This annuity is received by the churchwardens from Messrs. Philip George and Co., who are the owners of the premises charged with the payment thereof, and is paid over by the churchwardens to the vicar of the said parish, who preaches a sermon on the days directed by the donor.

ALICE ROBERTS'S CHARITY.

The only document which can be found respecting this charity is an indenture, dated 13th January, 45 Elizabeth; whereby it was witnessed, that Edward Crickland, as well for the better confirmation of an annuity of 26*s.* 8*d.*, theretofore given by Alice Roberts, widow, deceased, to the use of the poor of the parish of Temple, to be issuing out of the messuage in the said indenture afterwards bargained, and sold, as also in consideration of the sum of 18*l.* granted, bargained, and sold to certain persons, described as churchwardens, and to the rest of the vestry of the said parish church of Temple, their successors and assigns, all that one messuage situate in Temple-street, within the parish of Temple, in the said indenture further described, to hold to the grantees, their successors and assigns, for evermore.

Upon an investigation of the churchwarden's accounts of this parish since the year 1726, no trace can be found of any receipt or payment on account of this gift.

CHARITIES OF ROBERT ROGERS AND SIR RICHARD ROGERS.

Sir Richard Rogers, by his will, dated 26th July, 1635, after reciting that his father, Robert Rogers, had directed by his will (of which the said Sir Richard Rogers was executor) that there should be bestowed 150*l.* in lands of inheritance, the profits whereof should be received by the churchwardens of the parishes of Redcliff, St. Thomas, and Temple, within the city of Bristol, yearly, for ever, by equal third parts, and be by them employed in bread, and distributed to and amongst the poorest inhabitants of the said several parishes respectively, on every sabbath-day throughout the year, by an equal distribution. He the said Sir Richard Rogers did, in performance of his father's said will, and also for a further charity of his own, devise (among other things) to the feoffees of the lands belonging to the parish church of Temple, their heirs and assigns, for ever, one annuity or yearly rent of 4*l.*, which he willed should be issuing out of a messuage or tenement in the parish of St. Thomas, therein described, upon trust that the feoffees or the churchwardens of the said parish of Temple should, for ever, employ the said annuity in bread, and distribute the same according to the directions of his father's said will.

This annuity, together with two other annuities charged upon the same premises, and payable to the parishes of Redcliff and St. Thomas respectively, appears to have been paid for many years; but the premises having, about the year 1711, become ruinous, the then owner thereof sold the same to the feoffees of the said three parishes of Redcliff, St. Thomas, and Temple, who built two new houses on part of the site of the old house; and it was thereupon agreed between the said parishes, that the future rents should be divided between them, in the proportion of their respective annuities; viz. half to St. Thomas's parish, one quarter to Redcliff parish, and the remaining quarter to Temple parish.

This agreement appears to have been duly acted upon until the year 1762, when the houses were sold under the Act of Parliament passed for rebuilding the bridge on the river Avon, and the sum of 96*l.* was paid to the churchwardens of Temple parish, as their fourth part or share of the purchase money.—[*See* the report on Redcliff parish.]

Although this sum appears to have been paid to the parish of Temple, no money has since been distributed in bread to the poor on account thereof.

MARY BICKHAM'S CHARITY.

MRS. MARY BICKHAM, by her will, dated 24th March, 1696-7, gave and devised (*inter alia*) as follows:—"Whereas I am possessed and interested for the residue to come of a term of forty years of and in a house and garden in Trenchard lane, in the parish of St. Augustine, in the city of Bristol; I give and dispose thereof in manner following, provided my servant-maid Loas Huis doth from time to time, and so often as it shall happen in her life-time, renew the said lease every fourteen years that shall be first expired of the said term, and at her costs and charges keep the said tenement and garden in good repair so long as she shall live; in such case I give the said tenement and garden to my said servant-maid, Loas Huis, to hold to her and her assigns for and during so much of the said term as she shall live; and from and after her decease, I give and bequeath the said tenement and garden, and such of my household goods as are not hereinbefore given away, to the parishioners of the parish of Temple, in the said city, or to the feoffees of Temple church lands which shall then be in being, to hold to them, their executors, administrators, and assigns, for all the rest and residue of the said term of forty years, the profits thereof to be given in bread to the poor of the said parish on every Sunday during the said term; but my will is, that the said Loas Huis shall have the use of my said goods during her life; and likewise that, in case she shall refuse to renew the said lease at the expiration of the first fourteen years, or to repair the same, then, in either of the said cases, I give the said tenement and garden to the said feoffees, their executors, administrators, and assigns, with power to enter into and upon the same, to renew the same to and for their own proper use and uses.

"*Item*, I give to the parish of St. James, within the said city, the sum of 100*l.*, the profits thereof to be given in bread to the poor of the said parish every Sunday, for ever.

"*Item*, I give to the parish of St. Augustine, the like sum of 100*l.*, the profit thereof to be given to the poor of the said parish every Sunday, in bread, for ever."

The lease of the house and premises in St. Augustine's parish, which are now in the possession of Temple parish, or their sub-lessee, has been renewed from time to time by the dean and chapter of Bristol, although the description of the premises is materially altered.

The last lease granted by the dean and chapter of Bristol to the feoffees of the Temple church lands, is dated the 24th June, 1805, and is granted for the term of 40 years, at the yearly rent of 1*l.* 1*s.*, in consideration of a fine of 62*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*

The premises are therein described as "All that messuage or tenement wherein one Edward Nash sometime since dwelt, and also the garden ground and orchard, or late orchard, thereunto belonging, as the same is now bounded, and upon which have been lately erected several other messuages or tenements, workshops and other buildings, which said first-mentioned messuage or tenement was late in the tenure or occupation of Hugh Groves, Esquire, and his wife, or their under-tenants, and now of Mary Drew,

widow; and the said last-mentioned messuages or tenements are now in the occupation of William Engledew, carpenter, Thomas Williams, accomptant, and John Edwards, tailor; and also the use, in common with the occupiers of a tenement late in the occupation of Frances Watkins, widow, and then of Thomas Stephens, carpenter, of the well and pump there, they the said feoffees paying a proportionable part of the expenses of keeping the same in repair, and which premises are delineated in a plan indorsed on the said lease."

These premises appear to have been demised by an indenture of lease, bearing date the next day, by the said feoffees to Mary Drew, for the term of 38 years, in consideration of the surrender of a former lease, and of the like fine of 62*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* and the rent of 4*l.* per annum; and in the said lease is contained an agreement, that in case the feoffees should be desirous of surrendering to the dean and chapter of Bristol the said lease, dated the 24th June, and renewing the same, that the said Mary Drew, her executors, administrators, and assigns, would deliver up the said lease of the 24th June to be cancelled, and that the feoffees should, upon payment to them by the said Mary Drew, her executors, administrators, and assigns, of all sums expended by them in and about such renewal, and upon the request, costs, and charges of the said Mary Drew, regrant the said premises to the said Mary Drew for the term of thirty-eight years, to commence on the day of the date of the said new lease, so to be granted by the said dean and chapter to the said feoffees, and under the like rent, covenants, and agreements, as were reserved in the lease then to be surrendered.

The fine received from the sub-lessee being the same as the fine paid by the trustees to the dean and chapter for the renewal of the lease, the sum applicable to the purposes of this charity is 2*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*, being the difference between the quit-rent of one guinea, paid to the dean and chapter, and four pence for the stamp receipt, and the rent of 4*l.*, received from the sub-lessee.

This sum of 2*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* is distributed by the churchwardens in bread among their weekly distributions to the poor of this parish.

MARTHA CATCOTT'S CHARITY.

It appears upon a benefaction table in the parish church, that Martha Catcott, about the year 1806, gave 20*l.*, the interest thereof to be divided at Christmas, yearly, between two poor single women above fifty years of age.

This sum was received on the 4th January, 1811, by the then churchwardens, and carried to the general account of the parish; but no specific distribution of the interest appears ever to have been made among the objects of the testatrix's bounty.

ALICE WEST'S CHARITY.

Alice West, by the description of Alice West, the wife of John West, being jointly interested in and possessed of certain parcels of land, or tenements and annuities, situate in divers places and parishes within the city of Bristol, as by the deeds and evidences thereunto appertaining did appear, and having in herself, by the consent of her said husband, full power to convey, settle, and dispose of the said lands, &c., did by such consent make her will, dated 12th May, 23 Car. II., whereby she devised one tenement, situate in Temple parish, near Counterslip, to the use of her kinsman, John Kirswell, the son of Alexander Kirswell, during his natural life, and after his decease to the use of the poor of that parish in which the tenement then stood, from thenceforth for ever: Also, she gave two tenements, situate in the said parish of Temple, after the respective deaths of John Kirswell and Susan Jayne, to the use of the poor of the parish in which the tenement then stood; which will was executed in the presence of two witnesses.

There is an endorsement on the said will, by which it appears that it was produced at the execution of a commission, issuing out of the high court of Chancery, for examination of witnesses in a cause therein depending, between Margaret Abley, widow, and others, complainants, and Alexander Kirswell, and others, defendants, at the Three Tuns tavern, in Corn-street, Bristol, 4th June, 1672.

Search has been made at the Six Clerks' office of the Court of Chancery, and also at the Record-office in the Tower, for these proceedings, but without success.

On the church board, dated 1690, it is stated, that "Mrs. Alice West gave three houses, the profit thereof to the poor of this parish for ever."

In the account book for 1691, the following entry occurs:—

"Received of Thomas Church, the gift of Mrs. Alice West, dec^{d},
for a house ..... £4. 10*s*."

In a parish book produced, called "The Temple Survey," with a date, on the outside cover, of 1762, in page 19, is an entry respecting the property in Counterslip, stating that James Johnson held the house at Counterslip by indenture of lease, dated 20th March, 1739, for 99 years, if John Skinner, son of John Skinner, of Castle Eaton, Wilts, should so long live; rent, per annum, 1*l*. 10*s*.

And in the same page mention is made, that the reversion was granted to Jane Skinner, by indenture, dated 7th March, 1750, for 99 years, if the said Jane Skinner should so long live; rent, per annum, 1*l* 10*s*.

The premises are described in the same page as a messuage or tenement, formerly in the possession of Thomas Church, but then of John Culverwell, situate at or near Counterslip, in the said parish of Temple, Bristol.

In another book produced, intituled, "An Abstract of Leases unexpired, in January, 1807, with reference to the plan book prepared by Mr. Turnbull;" in page 133, a lease, dated 29th September, 1791, is there stated to have been made to Robert Dyer, of Bristol, of a messuage, in the occupation of John Culverwell, situate in the Counterslip,

in the parish of Temple, and described by the same abuttals as in the former book, for a term of 99 years, determinable with the lives of the three persons of the name of Dyer, therein mentioned.

Also a lease of the same premises, dated 10th October, 1798, in reversion to William Dyer and Robert Gay, of Bristol, to commence from the expiration of the last-mentioned term, which lease is still undetermined.

With respect to the other two houses, situate in the parish of Temple, devised by the same will of Alice West to Margaret Abley, for her life, and afterwards to the two other persons for their lives respectively; and after the determination of those several lives, to the use of the poor of the parish in which the said tenements stood, for ever; little or nothing can with certainty be traced, so as to ascertain the parish to be now in possession of those houses; but it appears by a feoffment of the parish lands, dated 15th November, 1690, that two tenements, purchased from Margaret Abley, were thereby transferred to the new feoffees. It is not improbable, that these may have been the same two houses that were devised as last-mentioned by the will of Alice West, as it may have happened that the two persons, taking life-interests in the same premises after Margaret Abley, were dead, in her life time, and that the parish were the purchasers of Margaret Abley's life estate, though this does not afford a sufficient ground for any certain inference as to this point.

Of the house near Counterslip, the parish or their feoffees are now in possession; they have also houses in East Tucker-street; but whether any of those may be the houses in question must, as before said, remain in uncertainty.

All these houses are considered as part of the general parish landed property, going under the denomination of Church Lands. The rents arising from this property are disposed of in various ways towards the repairs of the church, and other objects chiefly connected with the church, as is shown by the general abstract of annual expenditure referred to below; so that it appears, that the rents of this tenement have been, in this way, diverted from their original destination. But the vestry clerk has, at our suggestion, undertaken to recommend to the vestry, to make in future a specific application of the rent of the house at the Counterslip, in bread to the poor; and, in any future feoffment of the church lands, to declare the special trust of this particular property.

The abstract, above alluded to, of the general annual expenditure upon the charities in Temple parish, correctly made out from the account books, was laid before us; and we have judged it proper, by way of elucidation, to add the same at the end of our Reports relative to this parish.

JOHN LAWFORD'S AND THOMAS WARREN'S CHARITIES.

JOHN LAWFORD, by will, dated the 23d November, 1686, gave to the churchwardens of the parish church of St. Peter, in Bristol, and their successors, for ever, one annuity

of 52*s.* out of all that his messuage or tenement, standing in Temple-street, to be by the said churchwardens laid out in bread, viz. 12*d.* every week, which said bread he directed should be distributed to six poor people of the same parish, to each of the same poor people 2*d.* in bread, on every Lord's day, for ever; and he gave to the churchwardens of the parish church of Temple, in the said city of Bristol, and their successors, for ever, one annuity of 52*s.*, issuing out of the said messuage in Temple-street, to be disposed of in bread, to be distributed to six poor people, in such manner as the annuity of 52*s.* before given to the parish of St. Peter was limited and appointed to be disposed of; and he gave the said messuage or tenement so charged to his daughter and executrix, Mary Cole, her heirs and assigns, for ever.

The same testator gave to the use of the poor of the in-parish of St. Philip and Jacob, in Bristol, the sum of 50*l.*, to remain as a stock for the same poor, for ever, which sum of 50*l.*, he directed should be paid into the hands of the chamberlain of the said city, upon giving the city seal for payment thereof, with interest; and that the said sum should remain in the hands of the chamberlain, at interest, until an opportunity should present itself of laying out the same in the purchasing of lands or tenements; and until the same should be laid out as aforesaid, the interest thereof to be paid over to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish, to be by them laid out in bread, to be distributed among the poor of the same parish, on every Lord's day; and after such purchase should be made, his will was, that the rents and profits of such lands or tenements should be paid to the said churchwardens and overseers, to be by them laid out in bread, on every Lord's day, for ever.

Also, he gave to the poor of the parish of St. James, in Bristol, the sum of 50*l.*, to remain in the hands of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish, as a stock, for ever, and the profit and increase thereof to be by them, and their successors, laid out in bread, to be distributed among the poor of the same parish, on every Lord's day, for ever, in such manner as he had before appointed to the poor of the said parish of St. Philip. And he gave to the use of the poor of the parish of St. Mary Redcliff the sum of 50*l.*, to remain in the hands of the churchwardens and overseers of the said parish, as a stock, for ever; and the profit and increase thereof to be by them, and their successors, laid out in bread, to be distributed among the poor of the same parish, on every Lord's day, for ever, in like manner as he had before appointed for the poor of the parish of St. Philip.

And to the use of the poor of the parish of the Holy Trinity, otherwise Christ church, in the said city of Bristol, he gave the sum of 50*l.*, to continue in the hands of the churchwardens and overseers of the same parish, as a stock, for ever; and the profit and increase thereof to be, by them and their successors, laid out in bread, to be distributed among the poor of the same parish, on every Lord's day, for ever, in the same manner as he had before appointed for the poor of the parish of St. Philip.

The annual payment of 2*l.* 12*s.* in respect of this gift appears in the books of the parish of Temple, in an account kept therein of gifts received and distributed down to the year 1749, inclusive; after which time a separate account is kept in the said books, under the title of "Alderman Lawford's and Mr. Warren's gifts;" and in the first year's account, being for the year 1749, credit is given for 13*l.* 10*s.*, as received for one year's rent of the house in Temple-street, and the distribution is entered therein as follows:—

	£.	s.	d.
" Paid to the churchwardens of St. Peter's	2	12	0
Do. Temple	2	12	0
Do. the Rev. Mr. Jones, for a sermon	1	0	0
Do. clerk and sexton		6	0
Do. in bread given away Tuesday in Whitsun week	7	0	0
	£13	10	9 "

In the above account, the three last items, not resulting from Alderman Lawford's gift, must, we conclude, be ascribed to the bounty of Mr. Thomas Warren, by whom, it appears from the accounts for 1726, the annuity of 2*l.* 12*s.* was then paid; and who probably, having at that time the property of the house, gave it up to the parish of Temple to satisfy, as well the charges upon it, as his own additional gifts; there occurs, at least, no supposition more natural to account for the premises being in the possession of the parish of Temple. Mr. Warren's will has been searched for without success.

The messuage and tenement, charged with the said charitable bequests, is let by this parish to Mr. James Ivey, upon a lease for 14 years, commencing at Lady-day, 1816, at a rent of 35*l.* per annum. The premises were let by public auction, and the rent is considered as being equal to their full value.

There is also a sum of 10*s.* received for the rent of a garden belonging to these premises, from the Reverend Mr. Elwin, the vicar, as a yearly tenant. His predecessors apear to have always held it before him. It now forms part of the vicarage garden, and is said not to be worth more than 10*s.* per annum.

The two rent-charges of 2*l.* 12*s.* each, granted by Alderman Lawford to the respective parishes of Temple and St. Peter's, as before mentioned, are duly paid. There is also paid out of the rent of these premises, a fee-farm rent of 10*s.* to the chamber of Bristol; and the sum of 1*l.* to the vicar for a sermon on Whitsunday. The residue was for a long period regularly distributed in bread on Whit-Tuesday, in every year; but upon the commencement of the present lease, large expenses were incurred in rebuilding the house, and since that time the annual sum of 8*l.* only was applied in bread, in addition to the other payments, until the year 1820, from which time the whole residue, after the satisfaction of the said rent-charges, sermon, and fee-farm rent, has been exhausted in repairs.

The following is the present state of the account:—

		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1817.							
Jan. 1.	Balance on former account against the chrity	0	8	6			
Dec. 31.	Paid the rent-charges, &c.	6	14	0			
	For repairs	60	0	5			
	Bread	8	0	0			
					75	2	11
1818.	The several rent-charges, &c.	6	14	0			
	Bread	8	0	0			
					14	14	0
1819.	The same				14	14	0
1820.	Rent-charges, &c.				6	14	0
1821.	The same				6	14	0
					£. 117	18	11

1820.	Credit by four years' rent, due from James Ivey		140	0	0
	Deduct repairs to the house in 1816		58	16	11
				81	3 1
1821.	One year more due from do			35	0 0
	Five years' rent from the minister			2	10 0
				£118	13 1

ALDERMAN ROBERT KITCHEN'S CHARITY.

It appears by the report of Alderman Kitchen's charities, [*see* the Corporation charities, Eighth Report,* page 592,] that the parish of Temple would be entitled to receive the annual sums of 40*s*., 52*s*., and 10*s*., the 40*s*. to be divided among poor housekeepers; the 52*s*. to be distributed in bread; and the 10*s*. for an annual sermon.

It is stated on the board in the church, among other benefactions, that Mr. Robert Kitchen, alderman, gave 10*s*. for a sermon, and 12*d*. weekly, in bread, and 40*s*. yearly to poor housekeepers, by 10*s*. quarterly, for ever. There is an item regularly occurring from a long period back down to the present time, in the account books, of the 40*s*. paid to the four poor housekeepers; but the 52*s*. for bread has not formed a separate item in these accounts, at least since the year 1743, in which year it was a specific item of disbursement. Since that year, it seems to have been incorporated in a large sum, annually distributed in bread. From about the year 1780, the payment of the 10*s*. to the clergyman of the parish for a sermon has been a regular article of disbursement. Antecedently to that period, the statement in the accounts is less accurate; but some payments always appear to have been made to the clergyman by the churchwardens, though it is not distinctly manifest upon what account.

MRS. JAMES'S GIFT.

In the accounts of the churchwardens for the year 1731, the following entry appears, folio 35 :—

"To cash rec^{d} of Mr. John Russell, for Mrs. James's gift, and interest £22 10*s*."

The books exhibit no trace of any such payment. It probably may have been a sum of money in gross, which the executor paid up with interest in that year, and which was expended at the time.

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 136.

COX'S GIFT.

It appears by the parish books of Temple, that that parish has regularly received and applied the sum of 1*l.* from the chamber of Bristol. [*See* Corporation Charities, Eighth Report, page. 613.*]

ST. PAUL'S FAIR.

King Edward the Sixth, by his letters patent, (which were produced to us,) dated 24th day of May, in the fourth year of his reign, did grant licence to the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the city of Bristol, that they and their successors should and might have and hold yearly, for evermore, to them and their successors, for ever within the said city, one fair there every year, to be holden and kept within the bounds and limits of the same parish, and not elsewhere, in the said city of Bristol, neither in the suburbs of the same city, to continue by the space of eight days, that is to say, to begin in and upon the day and feast of the conversion of St. Paul, and from the same day and feast for seven days then next following, the said fair there every year, for evermore, to be holden and continued in form aforesaid, with all and singular amerciaments, commodities, privileges, advantages, tolls, stallage, picage, revenues, issues, and profits to the same fair, in any manner of wise appertaining or belonging, or of the same coming or growing, without any account to his said Majesty, his heirs or successors, therefore to be yielded, paid, or made, except the said fair should be to the hurt or prejudice of any fairs nigh adjoining.

By an indenture, made the 28th day of September, 1626, between the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the city of Bristol, of the one part; and Edward Batten, and others, parishioners and householders of the parish of Temple, within the said city of Bristol, and Robert Grave and John Barnes, then churchwardens of the same parish, of the other part; reciting the said letters patent of King Edward the Sixth; it is witnessed, that the said mayor, burgesses, and commonalty, of their love and favour which they bore towards the aforesaid parish of Temple, and especially of their charitable compassion which they had towards the poor people of the same parish, and for their better relief and sustentation; for which purpose the said fair was, at the humble suit of the said parishioners, and at their costs and charges purchased and obtained of the said late king, the profits whereof had been ever since then duly employed and converted accordingly, were contented and pleased, and by those presents did grant unto the said parishioners and churchwardens, and to their successors for ever thereafter, full power and authority for

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 164.

and in the name of the said mayor, burgesses, and commonalty, and their successors from time to time to collect, gather, levy, and receive, all and singular the issues and profits of the same fair, as in the letters patent mentioned, to the use, intent, and purpose, that the said parishioners and churchwardens, and their successors, should employ and bestow all the said issues, revenues, and profits of the said fair, to the only relief, maintenance, and sustentation of the poor people of the said parish, and the reparations of the conduits for water within the same parish, and the water-courses thereunto belonging, yielding and paying therefore yearly unto the said mayor, burgesses, and commonalty, and their successors for ever, or to the chamberlain of the said city for the time being, to their use, the yearly rent or sum of 20*s*., at or upon the vigil or eve of the feast of the Purification, or within fifteen days next after the said feast, without any account to be rendered to the said mayor, burgesses, and commonalty, for the same.

The days of keeping the fair were afterwards altered by Act of Parliament, passed in 1769, to the 1st of March, and the seven succeeding days; and the fair has regularly been held according to the letters patent and the said Act, and still continues so to be in every year, the parish Temple enjoying all the issues, profits, and emoluments derived from the stallage and tolls of the said fair.

The net average income for the ten years, down to Easter, 1820, after defraying the expense of erecting stands and other incidental costs, has been 79*l*. 15*s*. 5½*d*. Out of this sum is first paid the 20*s*. rent to the corporation.

The expenses of maintaining the water pipes are next defrayed, the amount of expenditure upon which varies much in different years. For the last ten years, the total amount expended upon this object has been 637*l*. 4*s*. 8½. What remains of the net income, after the annual conduit expenses are discharged, is distributed in money to the poor. The amount of the sums so distributed to the poor out of the fair money is specifically charged by the churchwardens, in an account kept by them with the fair; and it thereby appears, that the total amount of money upon this account laid out for the last ten years, ending in 1820, was 257*l*. 3*s*. 8*d*.

The money is given away about Christmas by the churchwardens, at the recommendation of the vestrymen. There is a special meeting of the vestry about this time to settle the distribution of the money, when a list is formed of the persons to receive the benefit. The character and situation of such persons are in general well known to the vestrymen. The churchwardens have, for some time past, distributed on these occasions more than they have derived from the profits of the fair, looking to be reimbursed out of the church lands; so that the emoluments of the fair will have to make this good to the church fund, which will occasion a temporary suspension of donations to the poor out of the fair money.

THE CHURCH LANDS.

The oldest deed of feoffment produced to us was an indenture, dated 10th July, 17 Edward IV., whereby John Body and Thomas Galway granted and confirmed to

John Mason, vicar, Richard Foster, and others, the several rents, tenements, and shops, therein contained [*see* the Appendix, schedule (A.) column 1]; to hold all the said rents, tenements, and shops, with all their appurtenances, to the said John Mason, and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever; and the same indenture, no uses or trusts are declared or expressed.

By the next deed of feoffment, in the possession of the parish, dated 16th June, 3 Edward VI., reciting that David Merrick and Alexander Bosgrove granted and confirmed to Edmund Burley and others, by their deed, dated 17th September, 20 Henry VII., all and singular the lands, tenements, rents, and hereditaments therein contained, to the uses and intents therein expressed, it is witnessed, that William Studeley, for the considerations therein mentioned, did thereby grant to Edward Twogood, the then vicar of the parish, and others, the said rents, hereditaments, and premises in the said deed now in recital specified [*see* Appendix (A.) column 2]; to hold the same to them, their heirs and assigns for ever, to the use of the churchwardens of the church of the Holy Cross, of the Temple, and their successors, to fulfil the pious uses of the last will of the feoffees or donors of the aforesaid premises, in as ample form and manner as theretofore was used by the churchwardens of the parish church aforesaid.

By a deed of feoffment, the next in order, bearing date 16th December, 21 Queen Elizabeth, reciting the last conveyance, and that John Kidwalliter, and certain others therein mentioned, were the surviving feoffees, they the said John Kidwalliter and others, survivors as aforesaid, for the considerations therein mentioned, granted and confirmed to Randle Hassold and others, the messuage, gardens, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services, and hereditaments, and other the premises therein mentioned [*see* Appendix (A.) column 3]; to hold the same to the said Randle Hassold and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, of the chief lords of the fee or fees thereof, under the duties and services due and accustomed, to the use, intent, and purpose, to and for the reparation of the church of Temple aforesaid.

By the next indenture of feoffment, bearing date 21st March, 5 Jac. I., Richard Martin, clerk, and others, therein mentioned, granted, enfeoffed, and confirmed, unto Alexander Caro and others, the messuages, tenements, gardens, rents, and premises, with the appurtenances therein described [*see* Appendix (A.) column 4], to the said Alexander Caro and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, upon trust, and to the intent that the said feoffees, and their heirs, should employ and convert the issues and profits of the said premises to and for the maintenance and repairing the parish of Temple aforesaid, and to and for the relief of the poor of the said parish, to be holden of the lords of the fee thereof, by the rents and services accustomed.

By a subsequent indenture, dated 28th July, 11 Car. I., Robert Graye and others, for the considerations therein mentioned, granted, enfeoffed, and confirmed, unto Edward Batten and others, their heirs and assigns, the messuages, tenements, gardens, rents, and premises therein mentioned [*see* Appendix (A.) column 5]; to hold the same to the said Edward Batten and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, upon trust and confidence, and to the intent that the said feoffees, and their heirs, should employ and convert the issues and profits thereof to and for the maintenance and repairing the parish church of Temple aforesaid, and to and for the relief of the poor of the said parish, and other good uses within the said parish, by and with the consent of the vestrymen of the said parish for the time being, or the most of them, and not otherwise.

By an indenture of feoffment, made 21st April, 1659, Isaac Knight and Walter Steward, for the considerations therein mentioned, granted, enfeoffed, and confirmed, unto George Knight and others, the messuages, tenements, lands, hereditaments, and premises therein mentioned [*see* Appendix (A.) column 6]; to hold the same to the said George Knight and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, precisely upon the same trusts as specified in the last deed.

By an indenture of feoffment, of the 15th day of November, 1690, James Willard and James Pope, for the considerations therein mentioned, granted, enfeoffed, and confirmed, to Sir Richard Hart and others, the messuages, tenements, rents, fee-farms, and hereditaments therein after mentioned [*see* Appendix (A.) column 7]; to hold the same to the said Sir Richard Hart and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, upon the same uses as specified in the last deed.

By an indenture of feoffment, dated 15th October, 1723, Ezekiel Longman and Edward Buckler granted, enfeoffed, and confirmed, unto James Stewart and others, the messuages, tenements, rents, lands, hereditaments, and premises therein mentioned [*see* Appendix (A.) column 8]; to hold the same to the said James Stewart and others, their heirs and assigns, upon the same trusts as before mentioned.

By indentures of lease and release, made the 17th and 18th days of December, 1753, Thomas James and Richard Moore granted and released to Humphrey Perrott and others, the messuages, tenements, rents, fee-farms, and hereditaments therein mentioned [*see* Appendix (A.) column 9]; to hold the same to the said Humphrey Perrott and others, their heirs and assigns, upon the trusts, as the same were before specified.

By indentures of lease and release, bearing date respectively 15th and 16th August, 1787, Jeremiah Osborne and John Seager granted and released unto John Durbin and others, the messuages or tenements, rents, fee-farms, and hereditaments [*see* Appendix (A.) column 10]; to hold the same to them, their heirs and assigns, upon the same trusts.

By indentures of lease and release, bearing date respectively 28th and 29th days of January, 1820, between Nehemiah Bartley, distiller, William Weare, Esquire, Timothy Powel, drysalter, and James Gadd, schoolmaster, all of the city of Bristol, surviving feoffees of the lands and hereditaments of and belonging to the parish church of Temple, of the one part; the Reverend Robert Watson, clerk, the Reverend Fountain Elwin, clerk, and divers other persons therein mentioned, all of the parish of Temple aforesaid, of the other part; it is witnessed, that for the purpose of perpetuating the charitable trusts declared by the thereinbefore recited indentures, the said Nehemiah Bartley, William Weare, Timothy Powell, and James Gadd, did grant, release, and confirm, unto the said Robert Watson, Fountain Elwin, and others, the messuages or tenements, erections, buildings, yearly fee-farm and other rents, pieces, or parcels of ground, land, hereditaments, and premises therein described [*see* Appendix (A.) column 11]; to hold the same unto the said Robert Watson, Fountain Elwin, and others, their heirs and assigns, for ever, upon trust, as before mentioned, for the maintenance and repairing of the parish church of Temple, and to and for the relief of the poor of the same parish, and other good uses in the said parish, by and with the consent of the vestrymen of the said parish for the time being, or the major part in number of them, in vestry assembled, and not otherwise, and to, for, or upon no other trust, intent, or purpose whatsoever.

The same indenture of release contains a power for any six in number of the said trustees, or any future trustees, with the consent of the vestrymen of the parish, or the major part of them, to make leases of the premises, for such terms of years, determinable with lives, for the purpose of building thereon, or for such other purpose or purposes, and at such reserved yearly rent or rents as such six trustees, with such consent as aforesaid, should from time to time think fit; with a proviso also, that, when the number of trustees should be reduced to six, such six surviving trustees should convey the trust premises, so as to vest the same in such six surviving trustees, together with twenty-four or more trustees, to be nominated and appointed by the vestrymen of the said parish, or the major part in number of them.

To the same last-mentioned release are annexed two schedules, the first containing the names of the deceased feoffees, the second a particular of the several messuages, plots of ground, and land intended to be comprised in the said indenture, respectively numbered according to a plan or survey made in December and January, 1819 and 1820, by William Turnbull; also, the names of the several lessees, the dates of the existing leases, and the terms and lives for and upon which they were respectively granted. [*See* Appendix (B.)]

There is a limekiln, part of this property, which has been let from year to year at 36*l.* a year, for two or three years past. Before this time, it was let upon lives, as the rest. There is also an annual sum of 12*l.* a year, for a stable and garden, let to several tenants, situate in Tower-lane, in the Great Gardens. The same stable and garden, during the time of the fair, is let for the purposes of the fair; but, when the taxes for these premises are deducted from this total produce of the stable and garden, it would leave a net amount only of 75*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.* for the last six years. The residue of the property consists of houses let on leases for lives, and of quit-rents, payable out of divers premises. The total annual rental of the former is 179*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*, subject to certain charges payable thereout to the corporation and others, amounting to 6*l.* 9*s.*, leaving a net rental of 173*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* The annual amount of the quit-rents is 32*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* There is also, belonging to this property, a sum of 100*l.* Navy five per cents., now reduced to 105*l.* new four per cents., producing an annual dividend of four guineas. The amount of the fines received for the twenty years, ending 1820, is 6,508*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*; from which is to be deducted the sum of 540*l.*, which in the year 1813 was laid out in the purchase of a property, now comprised in the church lands, being the stable and garden before-mentioned, leaving a balance of 5,968*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*, which, divided by 20, affords an average of 298*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.*

The total income so constituted, may therefore be stated thus :—

	£.	s	.d.
Rack-rent	36	0	0
Average income from the stable and garden	12	12	9
Rent reserved on leases	173	6	10
Quit-rents	32	9	6
Income of stock	4	4	0
Average of fines	298	8	7
	£557	1	8

The whole of the rents and revenues belonging to the feoffees, comprising as well the foregoing property, as also the income derived from the investment of such charitable donations as were invested at the time of their receipt in the purchase of stock, and also such properties as have been specifically devised for particular charities, has formed one general fund, out of which the several payments in respect of all the charities have been made, and the residue has been expended in the repairs of the church, and other various expenses. An abstract of the total expenditure of the parish, divided under the heads of "Expenditure in respect of Charities,"—"Expenditure of the income derived from St. Paul's Fair," and "the general expenditure," appears at the end of the reports of the charities of this parish.

Exclusively of the expenditure of the income derived from the investment of specific donations, which has been uniformly commensurate with the amount actually received, and also exclusively of the expenditure of the income derived from St. Paul's fair, which has been before explained, both which particular heads of expenditure are not here taken into view, the average expenditure for the twenty years, ending in 1820, has been 562*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.*, exceeding, as it would appear, the income by 5*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*

The churchwardens for some years past have been in advance to the parish, on account of certain expenses which have been necessary to be defrayed, and for which

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE

Under the Controul of the Vestry of the Parish of Temple, otherwise Holy Cross,

EXPENDITURE IN CHARITIES.

YEAR to Easter.	Disburse of Rent-charges and Annuities received in Trust.		Interest allowed by the Vestry for Legacies held in Trust.		Disbursement of the Income arising from Legacies specifically invested.		
	Disbursed in Bread.	Disbursed in Cash.	Disbursed in Bread.	Disbursed in Cash.	For John Wadham's Charity.	For John Pennington's Charity.	For A. Sandall's Charity.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
1811	22 0 0	15 0 8	15 13 0	41 15 0	2 0 0	.....	.....
1812	22 0 0	14 10 0	15 13 0	41 15 0	2 0 0	.....	.....
1813	22 0 0	14 10 0	15 13 0	41 15 0	2 0 0	.....	.....
1814	22 0 0	14 14 2	15 13 0	41 15 0	2 0 0	.....	.....
1815	22 0 0	14 10 0	15 13 0	41 15 0	2 0 0	.....	.....
1816	22 0 0	14 10 0	15 13 0	41 15 0	2 0 0	.....	.....
1817	22 0 0	14 10 0	15 13 0	41 15 0	2 0 0	5 15 0	.....
1818	22 0 0	15 0 8	15 13 0	41 15 0	3 0 0	4 0 0	.....
1819	22 0 0	14 10 0	15 13 0	41 15 0	3 0 0	4 0 4	1 16 0
1820	22 0 0	15 0 8	15 13 0	41 15 0	3 0 0	4 0 4	1 16 0
£.	220 0 0	146 16 2	156 10 0	417 10 0	23 0 0	21 15 8	3 12 0

they have personally advanced money beyond the funds in their hands. It appears from their books what are the balances in favour of each of these churchwardens, who look to have their demands upon the parish discharged out of future augmentations by fines, or otherwise. The churchwarden's books were produced, audited by the vestry.

Until the commencement of this inquiry, the mode in which the books have been kept has been very defective and confused; but it was resolved, at a vestry held some little time ago, for the purpose of taking this subject into consideration, to put all the accounts of the parish into a more intelligible and correct form.

To carry this resolution into effect, two books have been prepared, the one containing a detailed statement of all the pecuniary transactions of the parish, the other containing a debtor and creditor account with each individual charity; also the results of the churchwarden's accounts, showing the balances arising from them, and furthermore a general stock account, as between the vestry and the parish estates. These books are already complete up to Easter, 1819; and as it appears by these accounts that there are arrears of interest due upon certain of the charities, the vestry clerk has no doubt that, from the period at which the new arrangement commences in computation, the parish will make good those arrears.

OF ALL THE RENTS AND REVENUES,

for Ten Years, to Easter, 1820; distinguishing the several Heads of Expenditure.

EXPENDITURE IN CHARITIES.

Annuities specifically charged upon the Church Lands, and paid by the Vestry.									Disburse for Charities, &c. not included in the foregoing.									Bread given away over and above the foregoing and not assignable to any particular Charities.		
George Knight's Charity and Sermon.						Mary Bickham's Charity			George White's Gift Sermon.			Alderman John Lawford's Charity.			John Warren's Charity.								
For Bread.			For Sermon.												Repairs. Property Tax. Fee-Farm Rent, &c.			Given to the Poor in Bread.			Paid for Gift Sermon to Vicar.					
£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1	14	4	0	14	0	2	18	8	1	1	6	2	7	0	5	7	5	7	10	8	1	0	0	1	14	0
1	14	4	0	12	6	2	18	8	1	0	0	2	12	0	0	10	4	12	13	8	1	0	0	1	14	0
1	14	4	0	12	6	2	18	8	1	0	0	2	7	4	13	9	1	6	0	0	1	0	0	1	14	0
1	14	4	0	14	0	2	18	8	1	0	0	2	12	0	0	10	4	.....			1	0	0	1	14	0
1	14	4	0	14	0	2	18	8	1	0	0	2	12	0	0	10	0	12	4	0	1	0	0	1	14	0
1	14	4	0	12	6	2	18	8	1	0	0	2	12	0	0	10	0	13	2	6	1	0	0	1	14	0
1	14	4	0	12	6	2	18	8	1	0	0	2	12	0	60	10	5	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	14	0
1	14	4	0	12	6	2	18	8	1	0	0	2	12	0	0	10	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	14	0
1	14	4	0	12	6	2	18	8	1	0	0	2	12	0	0	10	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	14	0
1	14	4	0	12	6	2	18	8	1	0	0	2	12	0	59	7	11	.....			1	0	0	1	14	0
17	3	4	6	8	0	29	6	8	10	1	6	25	10	4	141	15	6	75	10	10	10	0	0	17	0	0

YEAR to Easter.	EXPENDITURE of the Income of St. Paul's Fair.			Specific Investments bequeathed for Charitable Uses.	YEAR to Easter.
	Royalty and other Expenses.	Rent, Repairs, and Alterations of Water Pipes.	Money given to the Poor.		
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
1811	1 0 0	8 17 6	20 0 0	.....	1811
1812	1 0 0	38 2 1	21 9 0	.....	1812
1813	1 0 0	(deducting 2,000*l.* subscribed towards alterations.) 323 17 4½	31 9 0	.....	1813
1814	5 10 0	26 10 2	25 9 0	.....	1814
1815	.....	74 11 2	34 9 0	89 13 6	1815
1816	1 0 0	9 0 9	39 4 10	.....	1816
1817	1 0 0	3 3 3	47 13 10	36 0 0	1817
1818	1 0 0	14 16 3	15 0 0	.....	1818
1819	1 0 0	2 8 0	22 9 0	.....	1819
1820	1 0 0	135 18 2	.....	.....	1820
	13 10 0	637 4 8½	257 3 8	125 13 6	

GENERAL EXPENDITURE.

REPAIRS of Church and Churchyard.	Service of Church; viz. Vicar, for Prayers, Organist, Clerk, Sexton, Ringers, and Incidental Expenses.	PURCHASES.	Making Rates, Surveying, Law Expenses, Printing, Receiver of Rents, &c. &c.	Sundry Expences, including Church Clerks, Account, Sealing, Dinner Expenses of Perambulations, Dressing the Church in Mourning, Waterloo Subscription, and Incidental Expences.	TOTAL Annual Expenditure on account of the Church and Church Service.
£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
64 15 0	150 12 6	.....	26 15 1	17 1 3	259 3 10
116 14 11	148 2 4	.....	20 5 2	20 12 5	305 14 10
471 19 10½	171 5 5	540 0 0	169 10 4	122 4 8	935 0 3½
198 11 11	163 18 2	.....	73 5 7	84 4 8	520 0 4
519 11 0	170 5 7	.....	46 13 3	52 5 8	788 15 6
146 5 10	184 7 10	.....	60 3 8	82 16 4	473 13 8
772 8 10	175 19 10	.....	16 0 4	42 18 6	1,007 6 10
452 0 9½	183 16 2	.....	23 5 0	214 19 2	874 1 1½
322 4 7	184 3 11	.....	67 13 8½	48 11 9	622 13 11½
191 10 10½	190 13 7	.....	23 10 10	67 11 4	473 6 7½
3,256 12 11½	1,723 5 4	540 0 0	527 2 11½	753 5 9	6,259 17 0*
325 12 3½	172 6 6¼	.....	52 14 3½	75 6 7	625 19 8†

* Total.

† Annual Average for 10 years.

THE WARD OF CASTLE PRECINCTS.

Mrs. Mary Peloquin's Charity.
Alderman Jackson's Charity.

Alderman Whitson's Charity.

MRS. MARY PELOQUIN'S CHARITY.

SEE this charity fully reported among the charities under the management of the corporation, Sixth Report, p. 538.*

ALDERMAN JACKSON'S CHARITY.

For Alderman Jackson's charity, *see* the reported charities, under the management of the corporation, Eighth Report, p. 611,† by which it appears, that the annual sum of 3*l.* 10*s.* is regularly paid by the chamberlain of Bristol to the overseers of the Castle Precincts, to be applied to charitable purposes.

This charity has been, for a great number of years, applied in very small sums of 1*s.* and 6*d.* each, indiscriminately among persons of the ward, on St. Thomas's-day; but it being suggested by us that these payments were not calculated to promote the intentions of the donor, the overseers undertook to distribute this charity in future in sums of not less than 5*s.* each, to poor housekeepers of the ward, not receiving parochial relief.

There is also a sum of 15*s.* a year, which is regularly paid by the corporation of Bristol to the overseers of the ward, for charitable purposes, which has also been applied by them in the same manner as Alderman Jackson's, but which the overseers undertook to distribute in future in the manner above-mentioned.

ALDERMAN WHITSON'S CHARITY.

The sum of 4*l.* is annually distributed by the alderman of this ward to four poor men, housekeepers, and the sum of 10*s.* a piece to two poor widows, forming a part of the sum of 130*l.* distributed under Alderman Whitson's charity, as mentioned in the Report of the Corporation Charities, Sixth Report, p. 504.‡

* *Vide* vol. i. p. 106. † *Ibid.* p. 160. ‡ *Ibid.* p. 47.

APPENDIX.

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PARISH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFF.

FRY'S MERCY HOUSE.

(A.)—Page 43.

PARTICULARS of the Rents granted to the use of Fry's Mercy House, by the Deed of 15th August, 1779, with the names of the present Proprietors of the premises charged.

£	s.	d.		Present proprietors of the Premises.
1	16	0	All that yearly fee-farm rent-charge, or sum of *one pound and sixteen shillings* of lawful money of Great Britain, to be issuing out of part of a plot, piece, or parcel of ground, situate on Redcliff-hill, in the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff (part of a garden, formerly in the tenure of Edward Durben, and formerly called the Biggest Garden), which was some time since granted and conveyed by Edward Durben, deceased, in his life-time unto John Lewdon, deceased, under a yearly rent or rent-charge of three pounds, and out of a messuage or dwelling-house and other buildings thereon erected and built, and the garden lying behind the same, which said rent is made payable by the said John Lewdon, his heirs and assigns for ever; the remainder of which said ground, so granted to the said John Lewdon, and also a certain other messuage or dwelling-house, thereon erected and built, hath been by the said Henry Durben exonerated and discharged of and from the payment of the residue of the said yearly rent of three pounds, reserved thereout, and all future payments thereof.	Thomas Millard.

(A.)—Particulars of the Rents granted to the use of Fry's Mercy House—*continued.*

£	s.	d.		Present Proprietors of the Premises.
1	0	0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of twenty shillings of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain plot, piece, or parcel of ground, situate and being in a certain street called Cherry-street, within the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, aforesaid, (part also of the said biggest garden), and out of a messuage or dwelling-house, and other buildings thereon erected and built, and the little garden lying behind the same.	The Dock Company.
2	0	0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of two pounds of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground, in Cherry-street aforesaid (part also of the said biggest garden), and out of a malt-house and other buildings erected and built thereon.	Ditto
1	0	0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of one pound of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground, in Cherry-street aforesaid, (also part of the said biggest garden), adjoining to and now used with the said piece of ground last-mentioned and described; and out of buildings erected and built thereon.	Ditto
2	7	0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of two pounds and seven shillings of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground in Cherry-street aforesaid, (part also of the said biggest garden), and out of three several tenements or dwelling-houses, and other buildings thereon erected and built, and the little gardens lying behind the same.	Ditto
0	17	6	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of seventeen shillings and sixpence of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground, in Cherry-street aforesaid, (also part of the said biggest garden), and out of the tenement or dwelling-house and other buildings thereon erected and built, and the little garden lying behind the same.	Ditto
0	17	6	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of seventeen shillings and sixpence of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground, in Cherry-street aforesaid, (other part of the said biggest garden), and out of two several tenements or dwelling-houses and other buildings thereon erected and built, and the little gardens lying behind the same.	Ditto
0	12	0 and 1*d.* [*see* report.]	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of twelve shillings of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain plot, piece, or parcel of ground (part of a certain other	Ditto.

(A.)—Particulars of the Rents granted to the use of Fry's Mercy House—*continued.*

£ s. d.		Present Proprietors of the Premises.
	garden or garden ground, called the Little Garden,) situate at or near Redcliff-hill, in the parish of St. Mary Redcliff aforesaid, and out of five small tenements or dwelling-houses erected and built thereon.	
1 12 0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of one pound and twelve shillings of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground, (part also of the said little garden), and out of a messuage or dwelling-house and buildings erected and built thereon.	The Dock Company.
1 13 9	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of one pound thirteen shillings and nine-pence of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground (part also of the said little garden), and out of the messuage or dwelling-house thereon erected and built, and the garden behind the same.	Ditto.
1 14 6	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of one pound fourteen shillings and six-pence of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground (also part of the said little garden), and out of the messuage or dwelling-house erected and built thereon, and the little garden behind the same.	Ditto.
1 15 3	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of *one pound thirteen shillings and nine-pence,* of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground (also part of the said little garden), and out of the several tenements or dwelling-houses erected and built thereon, which said tenements or dwelling-houses last-mentioned, are now in the several possessions or occupations of William Prater, and others, as tenants to Richard Mallard, of the said city of Bristol, tiler and plasterer, to whom the reversion and inheritance thereof doth now belong, and who lately subjected and charged the same with the payment of the further yearly rent or rent-charge of *one shilling and sixpence,* of like lawful money, to be also issuing out of the same, and to be payable by him, the said Richard Mallard, his heirs and assigns for ever.	Ditto.
2 0 0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of two pounds of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain plot, piece, or parcel of ground, containing in breadth in the front thereof, towards the common road or highway leading from Bristol to Bedminster, in the county of Somerset, twenty feet, and extending itself from thence in depth backwards, one	Ditto.

(A.)—Particulars of the rents granted to the use of Fry's Mercy House—*continued.*

£. s. d.		Present Proprietors of the Premises.
	hundred and seventy-five feet, to a close of ground, called the Mayor's Paddock, and to a certain other close of meadow or pasture, late of Edward Durbin, deceased, and now of Henry Durbin, Mary Durbin, Hester Durbin, and Alice Durbin, commonly called or known by the name of St. George's Meads, part whereof lies in the parish of Bedminster, in the county of Somerset aforesaid, and other part thereof in the parish of St. Mary Redcliff, in the city of Bristol aforesaid, and which plot, piece, or parcel of ground last above mentioned and described, was some time since granted and conveyed, by the said Edward Durbin, deceased, to the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the said city of Bristol, and was by them intended to be and remain at all times a public and common road or lane, for all persons whatsoever, to and from the said closes of ground called the Mayor's Paddock, and St. George's Meads; and the same hath since been laid open, and is now used and enjoyed as such accordingly; and the said yearly rent reserved thereout, is to remain and continue to be paid and payable by the said mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the said city, their successors and assigns for ever.	
2 19 9	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of two pounds nineteen shillings and ninepence of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece or parcel of ground (part of the said close, called Saint George's Meads,) and out of two tenements or dwelling-houses, a malt-house, and other buildings erected and built thereon.	Jas. Barber.
1 12 3	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of one pound twelve shillings and three-pence of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground (other part of the said close, called Saint George's Meads), and out of a messuage or dwelling-house and other buildings thereon erected and built.	Representatives of Mrs. Barber
1 0 0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of one pound of like lawful money, to be issuing of a certain other plot, piece or parcel of ground (part of a larger piece of the said close, called Saint George's Meads), and out of two small tenements or dwelling-houses thereon erected and built.	Representatives of William Barber.
1 0 0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of one pound of like lawful money, to be issuing out of two other small tenements or dwelling-houses, erected and built by	T. Harper, and Representatives

(A.)—Particulars of the Rents granted to the use of Fry's Mercy House—*continued.*

£. s. d.		Present Proprietors of the Premises.
	Thomas Parsons, in and upon other part of the said close called Saint George's Meads, and the ground whereon the same are so respectively built.	of Blaze Carter.
7 16 0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of seven pounds and sixteen shillings of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground (other part of the said close, called Saint George's Meads), and out of the brewhouse, and divers other buildings thereon erected and built.	Messrs. Hallicar.
0 9 0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of nine shillings of like lawful money, to be issuing out of certain hereditaments and premises now in the possession of Samuel Smith, of the parish of Bedminster, in the county of Somerset, gingerbread baker, and standing and being on the south-west side of a road or way of fourteen feet wide in breadth and one hundred and eighty feet in length, lately made and laid open by the said Henry Durbin, and taken out of the said close of ground, called Saint George's Meads; and the said rent or rent-charge is reserved for and in respect of the right, liberty, and enjoyment of the said road or way, and payable by the said Samuel Smith, his heirs and assigns, for ever.	Messrs. Hassell.
0 5 0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of five shillings of like lawful money, to be issuing out of certain hereditaments and premises late in the possession of Benjamin Ramzor, of the city of Bristol, cooper, but now of John Wadham, of the same city, glazier, or of his under-tenants, adjoining also and standing and being on the south-west side of the said road or way of fourteen feet wide, and reversed for and in respect of the said right, liberty, and enjoyment of the said road or way, and payable by the said Benjamin Ramzor, his heirs and assigns, for ever.	Ditto.
3 4 0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of three pounds and four shillings, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground (part of the said close, called Saint George's Meads), and out of two tenements or dwelling-houses and other buildings erected and built thereon, payable by the said Thomas Parsons, his heirs and assigns, for ever; and the said two several tenements or dwelling-houses are now used as one, and, together with several other buildings on the said ground erected and built, are in the possession or occupation of the said Samuel Smith and of the said John Wadham, or of his under-tenants, to which said Samuel Smith and John	Messrs. Jefferson and Norman.

(A.)—Particulars of the Rents granted to the use of Fry's Mercy House—*continued.*

£.	s.	d.		Present Proprietors of the Premises.
			Wadham, the reversion and inheritance thereof doth now belong; and also charged and chargeable with the payment of the said several yearly rents of nine shillings and five shillings hereinbefore mentioned, reserved and made payable by them the said Samuel Smith and Benjamin Ramzor respectively as aforesaid.	
1	12	0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of one pound and twelve shillings of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground (other part of the said close of ground, called Saint George's Meads), and out of the messuage or tenement erected and built thereon.	Thomas Fletcher.
1	14	0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent charge, or sum of one pound and fourteen shillings of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain messuage or tenement, with the garden behind the same, situate and being on or at Bedminster Causeway, in the parish of Bedminster, in the county of Somerset; and also out of a little tenement situate behind the messuage or tenement last-mentioned.	Mrs. Babee.
1	14	0	And also all that other annual fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of one pound and fourteen shillings of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground (part also of the said close, called Saint George's Meads), and out of a messuage or dwelling-house and other buildings erected and built thereon.	W. Loudon
3	4	0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of three pounds and four shillings of like money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground (part also of the said close, called Saint George's Meads,) and out of two several messuages or dwelling-houses and other buildings erected and built thereon.	Mr. Hope. Mrs. Dallimore.
1	12	0	And also all that other annual fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of one pound and twelve shillings of like money, to be issuing out of a certain messuage or tenement, situate and being at Bedminster Causeway aforesaid.	Mrs. Hughes.
3	0	0	And also all that other yearly fee-farm rent, rent-charge, or sum of three pounds of like lawful money, to be issuing out of a certain other plot, piece, or parcel of ground (part also of the said close, called Saint George's Meads), situate on or near Bedminster Causeway aforesaid, on the eastward side of the common road or way leading from Bristol to Bedminster aforesaid, and out of two several messuages, tenements, and other buildings thereon erected and built.	Thomas Jacques.
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PARTICULARS of the Premises conveyed by the Deed of the 15th May, 1754, referred to in the Report on the Church and Pipe Lands.

[*The figures in crotchets refer to the corresponding premises in Schedule* (B.) p. 799, &c. infra.]

[19.]—ALL that messuage or tenement now in the tenure or occupation of James Fitchew, feltmaker, situate in the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, within the suburbs of the said city of Bristol, in a street or place there called Redcliff-hill, and extendeth from Redcliff-hill forwards to the parsonage garden there backwards.

[8.]—Also all that messuage or tenement and garden, with the appurtenances, now in the tenure of the said James Fitchew, situate upon Redcliff-hill aforesaid, in the said parish, and extends from Redcliff-hill forwards, on or towards the east part, unto the vicarage house backwards, on or near the west part.

[21.]—Also all that messuage or tenement in the tenure of Pethnell Whiteing, mariner, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, and extendeth in length on Redcliff-hill aforesaid on the east part, unto a place called the Coniger or Vicarage on the west part.

[26.]—Also those two messuages or tenements, and two gardens thereunto adjoining and belonging, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, and now in the several possessions of William Collison, clerk, and Lewis, mariner.

[108, 109, 110, 114.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, commonly called or known by the name of the College House, situate upon Redcliff-hill aforesaid, adjoining to the south-west corner of the church-yard, and all sollars, chambers, outhouses, rooms, and places, to the same messuage or tenement belonging or appertaining, which now be, or at any time heretofore had been, accepted, reputed, occupied, used, taken, or known as part, parcel, or member of the same messuage, together with the garden to the said messuage or tenement adjoining and belonging.

[106, 107, 111, 112, 113.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, situate at the east end of the same garden, and adjoining to the said church-yard, commonly called or known by the name of the Lodge, and all sollars, cellars, outhouses, and places to the same messuage belonging, or in anywise appertaining, together with the orchard to the said messuage or lodge adjoining, and buildings erected and built on the same orchard, or any part thereof.

[25.]—And also one other garden, with the stable and coach-house thereon erected, next to Redcliff-hill aforesaid, extending backwards unto a close of the pipe lands of Redcliff, eastward, between an orchard of the lands of the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the said city of Bristol, and a tenement and garden, now in the occupation of which said messuages or tenements, gardens, lodge, and premises, are now in the several possessions of Pearth Shears, the widow Penny, James Coulsting, and the said William Singer, as tenants to John Currie, Esquire.

[27ª.]—Also that messuage or tenement lately erected and built by William Barns-

dale, merchant, together with the garden thereto adjoining and belonging, in the tenure or occupation of John Crosse, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid.

[10.]—Also all that garden ground, situate on or near to Redcliff-hill aforesaid, now in the possession of Rice Charlton, apothecary.

[1.]—Also all that messuage, or tenement and garden, with the appurtenances, situate at the lower end of Redcliff-hill aforesaid, in the possession of Lucas Brown, gallypot-maker.

[38.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, formerly made use of as two messuages or tenements, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, in the tenure of the widow Belcher, together with the garden ground of fourteen paces in length, and seven paces in breadth, next adjoining and lying behind the same messuage or tenement, together with the houses and buildings thereon erected and built, formerly used as a stable.

[11.]—Also all that garden ground, with the appurtenances, now in the holding of William Slade, his tenants or assigns, together with all housing in or upon the same erected, consisting of one messuage or tenement in front, next the street, now in the tenure of the said William Slade, and of one old messuage or tenement at the lower end of the said garden, next the vicarage garden there, now in the tenure or occupation of the widow Langley, all which premises are situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, and extending from the said street called Redcliff-hill there forwards, on or near the east part, unto the said vicarage garden, on or near the west part.

[16.] Also all that messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, in the possession of Thomas Thatcher, cordwainer, situate in the street or place called Redcliff-hill aforesaid, and extendeth from the said street, called Redcliff-hill, on or near the east part, unto the vicarage garden aforesaid, backwards, on or near the west part.

[16.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, now in the tenure or occupation of the widow Shears, as tenant to the widow Thatcher, with the pavement or yard behind the same, and heretofore converted to a wash-kitchen; and also the garden behind the said messuage, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, and extending from the said street, called Redcliff-hill, forwards, on or near the east part, unto the wall of the said vicarage garden there, backwards, on or near the west part.

[12.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, backside, and garden, with the appurtenances, now in the possession of Joseph White, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, and extendeth itself in length from the said street, called Redcliff-hill, forwards, on the east part, unto the vicarage garden there, backwards, on the west part.

[12.]—Also all that little messuage or tenement, and plot of garden-ground thereto belonging, in the tenure or occupation of Joseph Scammell, together with the use of a well there, in common with other the tenants of the said feoffees, which said little messuage or tenement extendeth itself from the said street called Redcliff-hill forwards, on the east part, unto the said vicarage garden wall, on the west part, which said premises are situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid.

[18.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, together with the garden plot to the same adjoining and belonging, now in the possession of Richard Kington, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, and extendeth from the street or way, called Redcliff-hill aforesaid, on or near the east part, unto the vicarage house, on or near the west part.

[22.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, with the garden thereto adjoining and belonging, together with all and singular outhouses and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, now in the possession of Thomas Harris, clerk, and by him lately built, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, and extending from the street or highway there forwards, on or near the east part, unto a garden called the vicarage backwards, on the west part.

[23.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, and garden thereto adjoining, with all and singular the appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, now in the possession of Paul Ewer, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid.

[17.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, and garden ground thereunto adjoining, whereon a wash-house hath been lately built, with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, now in the tenure or occupation of Jonathan Thomas, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, and extendeth itself from the street, forwards, on the east part, unto a way leading to the vicar's coach-house, backwards.

[14.]—Also all that little messuage or tenement, and garden ground, situate at the lower end of Redcliff-hill aforesaid, in the possession of David Smith.

[20.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, formerly used as two messuages or tenements, now in the possession of William Singer, on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, extending from the said street, called Redcliff-hill, on or near the east part, unto certain ground belonging unto the vicarage house, on or near the west part.

[9.]—Also all that messuage or tenement in the tenure or occupation of Henry Pring and others, as tenants to Pearth Shears, with the garden ground and other appurtenances to the same messuage or tenement adjoining and belonging, situate upon Redcliff-hill aforesaid, and extending from the front next the King's highway there, on or towards the east part, unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, on or towards the west part.

[5. 27.]—Also all that new-built messuage or tenement, together with the garden thereunto adjoining and belonging, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, in the possession of John Crosse, and extending from the said street, called Redcliff-hill, forwards, on or near the west side, unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, on or near the east side.

[13.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, and extending from the front next the street or King's highway there, forwards, on or towards the east part, unto the vicarage house there, backwards, on or near the west part.

[37.]—Also all that messuage or tenement and garden, with the appurtenances, in the possession of Daniel Oakes, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, which said premises extend from the front next the King's highway there, on the west part, unto the garden and summer-house in the occupation of Thomas Powell, gardener, on the east part.

[15.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, now in the possession of the widow Young, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, extending from the said street or way, called Redcliff-hill, forwards, on or towards the east part thereof, unto the vicarage wall there, backwards, on the west part.

[50.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, and garden thereunto belonging, with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto adjoining, or in any wise appertaining, and now in the occupation of the widow Penny, her tenants or assigns, situate in Redcliff-street aforesaid, and extending from the said street, forwards, on or towards the west part

unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, on or near the east part, together with the use of a partable wall near unto the said messuage.

[40. 41.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, now in the possession of William Hendy, grocer, situate in Redcliff-street aforesaid, and extending from the said street forwards, on or near the east part, unto the water of Avon there, backwards, on or near the west part.

[45.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, called the Abby, late in the tenure or occupation of John Weaver Grace, victualler, situate in Redcliff-street aforesaid.

[43.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, heretofore used as a brewhouse, now in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Patience and others, as under-tenants to Thomas Harris, situate in Redcliff-street aforesaid, and extending from the said street unto the piece of ground, called Redcliff Backs there, backwards, on the west part.

[39.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, now in the tenure or occupation of Joseph Wilson, commonly called by the name of Parish End, and now known by the sign of the Bee-hive.

[39.]—And also one other messuage or tenement next adjoining thereto, on the south side thereof, in the possession of Elizabeth Britton; both which said messuages or tenements are situate in Redcliff-street aforesaid, and do extend from the said street forwards, on or towards the east part to the water of Avon, backwards, on or towards the west part.

[48.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, with a garden thereunto adjoining and belonging, situate in Redcliff-street aforesaid, now in the possession of Abraham James, distiller, and extending itself from Redcliff-street aforesaid, forwards, on the west part, unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, on the east part.

[42.]—Also all that messuage or tenement in the possession or occupation of John Watts, hosier, situate in Redcliff-street aforesaid, and extendeth itself from the said street called Redcliff-street, forwards, on or near the east part, unto the river Avon there, backwards, on or near the west part.

[49.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, and garden thereunto belonging and adjoining, with all and singular the appurtenances, in the tenure or occupation of William Hollister, situate in Redcliff-street aforesaid, and extendeth from the said street, called Redcliff-street, forwards, on the west part, unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, on the east part.

[47.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, and garden thereunto belonging, situate in Redcliff-street aforesaid, now in the tenure or occupation of John Hurdley, brushmaker, and extendeth from the said street, forwards, to the Law Ditch there backwards.

[46.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, heretofore divided into three tenements, situate in Redcliff-street aforesaid, commonly called or known by the name or sign of the Three Boars' Heads, now in the tenure or occupation of William Young, cordwainer, and extending from the said street, called Redcliff-street, forwards, on or near the west part, unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, on or near the east part.

[44.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, with the backside and appurtenances thereunto belonging, in the possession of Samuel Long, situate in Redcliff-street afore-

said, and extending from the said street, forwards, on the west part, unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, on the east part.

[51.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, and garden ground thereunto adjoining and belonging, together with a small new-built messuage or tenement, which said several messuages are situate in Saint Thomas-street, in the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, within the said city of Bristol, and were late in the several occupations of ——— Andrews, and James Church, as under-tenants to John Coulsting, and extend from Thomas-street aforesaid, forwards, on or near the east part, to the Law Ditch there, backwards, on or near the west part.

[58.]—Also all that messuage or tenement wherein Andrew Sheppard heretofore dwelt, now in the tenure or occupation of Peter Smith, farrier, together with the parcel or plot of garden ground, or void ground, with the same messuage or tenement, now used and thereto allotted and laid out, on part whereof Andrew Jordan formerly erected a stable, and the other part thereof is converted into a place for the laying of the dung, which said premises are situate in Saint Thomas-street aforesaid.

[52, 53, 54.]—Also all that back-yard, parcel of ground, or great garden ground, together with the new-built messuage or tenement, glass-house, and other buildings thereon, or on some part thereof, erected and built by Richard Warren, glassmaker, deceased, with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging and appertaining, all which premises are now in the tenure or occupation of ——— Warren, son of the said Richard Warren, deceased, his under-tenant or under-tenants, and are situate in Saint Thomas-street aforesaid, and extending from the said street on the east, and to the Law Ditch on the west.

[57.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, wherein ——— Butcher, currier, heretofore dwelt, and now in the tenure of James Cornick, situate in Saint Thomas-street aforesaid, in the parish of St. Thomas.

[57.]—Also all that little plot of garden ground, with a brewhouse thereon erected and built, belonging to the said messuage or tenement, now in the tenure of the said James Cornick, situate next the Law Ditch there, and bounded on the east part with a workhouse, late in the tenure or occupation of William Price, or his under-tenants.

[55, 56.]—Also all those two messuages or tenements and gardens, late in the possession of Joseph Smith, or his under-tenants, situate in Saint Thomas-street, in the parish of Saint Thomas, and extending from Thomas-street aforesaid, forwards, on the east, unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, on the west.

[61.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, wherein Fortunatus Hagley, merchant tailor, now dwelleth, and by him lately erected and built, in the room of three old decayed messuages or tenements, formerly in the possession of the widow Good, or her under-tenants, together with the piece or parcel of garden ground thereunto adjoining and belonging, situate in Saint Thomas-street aforesaid, within the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, and extending from the said street, called Saint Thomas-street, forwards, to the Law Ditch, backwards.

[59.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, now in the tenure of the said Richard Ash, as tenant to Joseph Thomas, tailor, situate in Saint Thomas-street aforesaid, within the parish of Saint Thomas, and extending from the said street, called Saint Thomas-street, on or towards the east part, unto the Law Ditch, backwards, on or towards the west part.

[62.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, and garden ground thereunto adjoining and belonging, wherein Thomas Short, book-keeper, lately dwelt, now in the tenure of Fortunatus Hagley, situate in Saint Thomas-street aforesaid, within the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, and extending from the said street, forwards, on or near the west part, unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, on or near the east part.

[60.]—Also all those two new-built messuages, or tenements, adjoining together, one whereof is now in the possession of Thomas Davis, and the other was late in the possession of John Lane, as tenant to the said Thomas Davis, together with the gardens and appurtenances thereunto belonging, which said two last messuages or tenements and premises extend from the said street, called Saint Thomas-street, forwards, on or near the west part, unto the said Law Ditch there, backwards, on or near the east part, and are situate in Saint Thomas-street aforesaid, within the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff.

[65.]—Also all that messuage or tenement and garden ground, with the appurtenances, in the tenure of Joseph Webb, situate in Saint Thomas-street aforesaid, in the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff.

[63. 64. 66ª. 76 incl.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, and garden thereunto adjoining and belonging, with all and singular the appurtenances, formerly in the occupation of Richard Colston, and late of John Price, or his under-tenants, situate in Saint Thomas-street aforesaid, at or near a place called the Portwalls, within the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff aforesaid.

[Ditto.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, and garden thereunto adjoining and belonging, situate in St. Thomas-street aforesaid, within the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, extending from the said street, forward, on the west part, unto a great garden ground called Averings Hayes, backwards, on or near the east part.

[Ditto.]—Also all that little messuage or tenement, wherein George Brown, musician, formerly dwelt, late in the possession of Jacob Wheeler, as under-tenant to Susannah Palmer, and the garden ground thereunto adjoining and belonging, with all and singular their appurtenances, situate in the parish of Saint Mary, near unto a place there called the Portwalls, and extendeth from the said street, called Saint Thomas-street there, forwards, on the west part, unto the said great garden ground, called Averings Hayes, on the east part.

[Ditto.]—Also all that messuage, lodge, or stable, with the appurtenances, heretofore in the occupation of Abraham Sanders, and afterwards of John Hawkins, and now in the possession of ——— Warren, situate in a certain street or lane there, called Portwall's lane, leading from Saint Thomas-street aforesaid towards Temple-gate.

[Ditto.]—Also all that piece or parcel of ground, containing, by estimation, one acre, or thereabouts, commonly called or known by the name of Averings Hayes, now in the holding or occupation of the said ——— Warren, together with the glasshouse and all other buildings thereon erected, situate at the north part of the said messuage, tenement, lodge, or stable, above-mentioned.

[Ditto.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, together with a small garden thereunto adjoining and belonging, situate in Saint Thomas-street, within the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, now in the possession of Morgan Davis.

[Ditto.]—Also all that messuage or tenement and garden ground, with the appurtenances, now in the possession of ——— Stow, situate in St. Thomas-street aforesaid, in the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, near unto the town wall, in the row of tenements there.

[Ditto.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, formerly called or known by the name or sign of the Red Cross, and now of the Bulls' Heads, and the garden ground thereunto adjoining or belonging, at a place called the Portwalls, in the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff.

[Ditto.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, now in the tenure of John Day, being formerly two messuages or tenements, with a garden thereunto adjoining, on the east part, situate in Saint Thomas-street aforesaid, in the said parish of St. Mary Redcliff.

[Ditto.]—Also all that messuage or tenement and garden, heretofore in the tenure of Richard Swallow, wire-drawer, and now of Henry Pool, wheelwright, situate in Saint Thomas-street, aforesaid, in the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff.

[Ditto.]—Also all that corner messuage or tenement, commonly called the Four Alls, situate in Saint Thomas-street aforesaid, in the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, formerly in the possession of Joseph Henzey, and now of John Griffin, or his under-tenant.

[78.]—Also all that garden ground, situate in Pile-street, in the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, now in the tenure or occupation of Benjamin Perrott, his under-tenant or under-tenants, extending itself from Pile-street aforesaid, forwards, unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, and contains in length, from the mark in the wall next Pile-street, with the letters R. C. and the mark belonging to the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff aforesaid, to the lands now or late of John Newman, nine score feet.

Also all that piece of ground, on some part whereof a messuage or tenement is built, heretofore in the tenure or occupation of William Davis, and late in the possession of Sarah Howell, and is situate in the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, on the north side of the said parish church, and lying near the said parish church. (This house has been since taken down, and the toft thrown into the church-yard.)

[85.]—Also all that messuage, or tenement, and garden, with all and singular the appurtenances, in the occupation of Henry Leonard, situate in Pile-street aforesaid, within the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, and extending itself from the said street, forwards, on the south part, unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, on the north part.

[88.]—Also all that messuage, or tenement, with the appurtenances, heretofore commonly called or known by the name of The Rose and Crown, situate without Temple Gate, in the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, heretofore in the tenure of the widow Gunter, and now of Benjamin Perrott, or his under-tenants.

[86.]—Also all that little cottage or tenement and garden, with the appurtenances, wherein the said widow Gunter formerly lived, situate and adjoining next to the said messuage or inn called The Rose and Crown, and all structures and buildings erected and built on the same.

[77.]—Also all that little messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, and a little garden ground thereto adjoining and belonging, in the tenure or occupation of George Browning, situate in Pile-street aforesaid, within the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff.

[84.]—Also all that messuage or tenement in the tenure or occupation of John Neeler, with the garden thereunto adjoining and used therewith, and other the appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, situate in Pile-street aforesaid, within the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, and extending from Pile-street aforesaid, forwards, on the south part, unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, on or near the north part.

[82.]—Also all that little messuage or tenement, and garden ground thereunto

adjoining, with all and singular the appurtenances, late in the tenure of Thomas Philips, and now of the widow Sartain or her under-tenants, situate in Pile-street aforesaid, within the said parish of Redcliff, and extending itself from the said street forwards, on or near the south part, unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, on or near the north part.

[79, 80.]—Also all that messuage or tenement and garden, with the appurtenances, in the tenure of Hugh Flower, lime-burner, situate in Pile-street aforesaid, in the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, and extending from the said street forwards, on the south part, unto the Law Ditch there, backwards, on the north part.

[86].—Also all that messuage or tenement and garden, late in the possession of the widow Fry, situate in Pile-street aforesaid, in the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, and extending from Pile-street forwards, on the south, unto the Law Ditch backwards, on the north.

[81.]—Also all that messuage or tenement and garden, with the appurtenances, in the possession of Mary Thomas, situate in Pile-street aforesaid, in the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff.

[88].—Also all that close of meadow or pasture ground, formerly dug up, and by Nathaniel Day, Esquire, converted to a garden, and now in the tenure of Benjamin Perrott or his under-tenants, containing, by estimation, three acres (be it more or less), and reputed to be parcel of the pipe lands; which said close of meadow or pasture ground is situate within the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff.

[93, 94, 95, 96].—Also all that messuage or tenement, with the garden and close of meadow and pasture ground thereunto adjoining and belonging, containing, by estimation, two acres (be it more or less), now in the tenure of John Lewis, being part of the pipe or conduit lands situate near the church-yard of Saint Mary Redcliff, within the parish of Bedminster, in the county of Somerset, between a lane or way leading from the said church-yard into a meadow commonly known by the name of Redcliff Meads, on or near the north part, and a close of pasture-ground heretofore in the tenure of Thomas Hand, and now in the possession of Samuel Cornick, on or near the south part; and one other lane there, leading towards Bedminster aforesaid, on or near the west part.

All which said several messuages or tenements, closes, pieces, or parcels of meadow or pasture lands, hereditaments, and premises, above-mentioned, are reputed, taken, or known to be or are called by the name of church lands and parish lands, of or belonging to the free chapel or parish church of St. Mary Redcliff, within or near the city of Bristol, and are parcel of the lands and possessions of or belonging to the said chapel or parish church, heretofore or now in deed or reputation; being all, or most of which premises, Sir George Snigg, knight, deceased, and others purchased, to them and the heirs and assigns of the said George Snigg, of and from William Tipper and Robert Dawe, of London, gentlemen, and others, as in and by an indenture bearing date the 27th day of January, in the 33d of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, being enrolled in the high court of Chancery, amongst divers covenants, rents, conditions, and agreements therein mentioned and contained, may more fully and at large appear, which was in trust to and for the maintenance, upholding, and reparation of the chapel and church aforesaid.

[102, 103.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, lodge, and garden, with the appurtenances, late in the possession of the widow Prendergast and her under-tenants, situate in the parish of Saint James, in the said city of Bristol, in a lane or place there called Rosemary Lane.

[24.]—Also all that new-erected messuage or tenement, together with the garden thereto adjoining and belonging, now in the tenure of Edward Durbin, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, and extending itself in length from the said street or way, called Redcliff Hill, on or near the east part, unto the vicarage garden there, backwards, on or near the west part.

[101.]—Also all those two messuages or houses, one of them late in the tenure of ——— Cantrell, and the other of them late in the tenure of ——— Flook, as undertenants to Mary Jocham, of the said city of Bristol, widow, together with a little spot or outlet to the same messuages or houses adjoining, and used therewith, situate altogether, on or near a place called St. Augustine's Back, in the parish of Saint Augustine, within the suburbs of the said city of Bristol.

(a) [98, 99, 100.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, heretofore erected and built by John Jones, carpenter, deceased, and wherein he afterwards dwelt, with an orchard, garden, and parcel of ground thereunto belonging, together with the lime-kiln, outhouses, and new buildings thereon erected and built, with one other little tenement and garden thereto adjoining and belonging, formerly in the tenure or occupation of John Appleton or his undertenants, and part or parcel of the said messuage or tenement, which said messuages, or tenements, parcels of ground, and premises, are situate in Barton Regis, in the parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, in the county of Gloucester, and extend from a lane there, called Cheese-lane, forwards, on the north part, unto the river of Avon there, backwards, on the south part.

(a) [Ditto.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, with a garden, stable, and house of office thereto belonging, and also one close of pasture ground thereto adjoining, containing, by estimation, half an acre, (be it more or less,) which said messuage or tenement, parcel of ground and premises, are situate and being in Barton Regis aforesaid, in the said parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, and were late in the tenure or occupation of Samuel Bryant, victualler, and were formerly part and parcel of a messuage or tenement granted by the then feoffees of the said church lands, to Henry Bedford, woolstapler, and extending from a lane there, called Cheese-lane, forwards, on the north part, unto the river of Avon there backwards, on the south side.

(a) [Ditto.]—Also all that messuage or tenement, with a garden ground thereto belonging, late in the tenure of the widow Bishop, together with a passage or way leading from the said tenement to the river Avon; which said messuage or tenement is situate in Barton Regis aforesaid, in the said parish of Philip and Jacob, and is parcel of a messuage or tenement, formerly granted by Alexander James and others, his then co-feoffees, (since deceased,) of the parish of St. Mary Redcliff aforesaid, to Henry Bedford, woolstapler.

(a) And all houses, &c. to the said messuage, or tenement, and premises belonging, or in anywise appertaining, or on the same erected, standing, and being, which last-mentioned messuage, close, and premises, were, by the then feoffees and others, their co-feoffees, deceased, bought and purchased for the benefit and good of the poor of the said parish of Redcliff, with moneys given for that purpose by several benefactors, and so the rents, issues, and profits thereof have been and ought to be employed, and all the rents and services reserved, due or payable upon, or by any demise, lease, or grant, demises, leases, or grants, made or granted of the said premises, or any part or parcel thereof, and the reversion and reversions thereof.

And also one annuity or yearly rent or sum of two-and-fifty shillings of lawful money of Great Britain, to be issuing and going out of all that messuage or tenement, with its appurtenances, now of ——— Curtis, situate in Temple-street, within the parish of Temple aforesaid, which said messuage or tenement one Henry Lloyd purchased to him and his heirs for ever, of and from one Thomas Barwell; and the said Henry Lloyd granted and assured the said annuity or yearly sum of 2*l.* 12*s.* to the said then feoffees and others, their late co-feoffees, which moneys were given by William Pitt, merchant, and Mary Stile, widow, for the use and benefit of the poor of the said parish of Redcliff, as may appear. (*See* Pitt's and Stiles's Charities.)

Also one annuity or yearly rent-charge of 1*l.* 6*s.* of lawful money of Great Britain, to be issuing and going out of all that messuage or tenement, wherein John Hayter, milliner, formerly dwelt, situate in Redcliff-street; which said annuity was given and granted by the said John Hayter, for the use of the poor of the said parish. (*See* Hayter's Charity.)

(b) [28. 29. 35. 36.]—And also all that messuage, tenement or dwelling-house, late of Thomas Baynard, Esquire, and now in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Powell, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, within the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff, together with the outhouses, courts, yards, backsides, garden and orchard thereunto belonging, containing in the whole, by estimation, one acre (be it more or less), late in the tenure or occupation of Mary Baynard. And also all those cottages, stables, and gardens, late of the said Thomas Baynard, on Redcliff-hill aforesaid, in the said parish of Saint Mary Redcliff.

(b) [28. 29. 35. 36.]—Also all that little messuage or tenement and garden, now in the possession of Peth Shears or his under-tenants, situate on Redcliff-hill aforesaid.

(b) [105.]—And also all that close of pasture ground, with the appurtenances, late

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL, 1821.

No.	PREMISES.	Situation.	Date of Leases.	Lessee.	Occupier.
1	A house and garden	Redcliff Hill ..	14th July, 1820.	Wm. Merrick.	lessee .....
2	A plot of void ground	ditto	29th Sept. 1817.	W. Merrick, Jun...	.....
3	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	.....
4	ditto	ditto	25th March, 1818.	ditto	.....
5	ditto	ditto	29th Sept. 1817.	Samuel Taylor	.....
6	ditto	ditto	ditto	W. B. Peters.....	.....
7	ditto	ditto	ditto	Robt. Sulifan.....	Samuel Pearce. ....

of the said Thomas Baynard, commonly called or known by the name of Hill-close, otherwise Mutton-hill, containing, by estimation, four acres (be it more or less), situate within the said parish of Bedminster, in the county of Somerset aforesaid, adjoining to Redcliff-mead on the north-west part, and the Common-field on the south-east part; which said last-mentioned premises were purchased in fee by the said now feoffees and others, their co-feoffees, (since deceased,) to them and their heirs, of and from the said Thomas Baynard, as in and by one indenture, bearing date the 2d day of October, in the year of our Lord 1740, may more fully and at large appear.

(c) [104.]—And also all that or those close or closes, parcel or parcels, of meadow or pasture ground, anciently called Hartingham, or the water-side Leaze, containing, by estimation, 20 acres (be the same more or less,) situate in the parish of Bedminster, in the said county of Somerset, with the appurtenances, in the holding or occupation of John Millyman, as tenant to the said feoffees; and all houses, structures, edifices, and buildings thereon erected and built, and standing and being in and upon the said close or closes; which said last-mentioned premises were purchased in fee by the said now feoffees, and others, their co-feoffees (since deceased), of and from Edward Higgins Gibbons and others, as in and by one indenture of four parts, bearing date the 27th day of March, which was in the year of our Lord 1751, may appear.

And also all other the messuages, lands, tenements, annuities, rents, revenues, and hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever, belonging, or reputed and taken to be belonging, to the said parish church and pipe of Saint Mary Redcliff aforesaid, or either of them; and all their, or any or either of their estate, right, title, interest, challenge, claim, and demand whatsoever, of, in, and to the same, and all deeds, evidences, counterparts of leases, writings, escripts, and muniments, which do any ways touch and concern the said premises hereby granted, or any part thereof.

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL, 1821.

Existing Lives and Ages, or Terms of Years.	Yearly Rent.	Fine for Renewal.	Other Consideration, (if any.)	REMARKS.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.		
Lessee ..... 63 James Evans ..... 48 Mary A. Merrick .. 32	1 0 0	73 0 0	and surrender of 2 existing lives, (lessee, and James Evans.)	—
Lessee..... 33 Ann Britton ..... 15 William Jennings .. 12	1 0 0	60 0 0	covenant to build a house, according to plan and elevations stipulated.	since completed, (acquired by the purchase in 1817). This is an original grant upon sale by auction.
Mary Merrick .... 34 Hannah Merrick .. 28 Sarah Merrick 26	1 0 0	54 0 0	same covenant.....	Also completed (acquired by purchase in 1817.) Like original grant.
Lessee ..... 33 Ann Britton ..... 15 William Jennings .. 12	4 0 0	270 0 0	covenant to build 7 houses.	Not yet done, (acquired by purchase in 1817.) Like original grant.
Joseph Riddle .... 15 Ann Britton ..... 15 William Jennings .. 12	1 0 0	40 0 0	covenant to build a house, according to plan and elevations stipulated.	Since completed, (part acquired by purchase in 1817, part site of old almshouse.) Like original grant.
Lessee..... 32 William Peters .... 12 John Peters 10	1 0 0	42 0 0	same covenant.....	Also completed, (ground on which part of the old almshouse stood.) Like original grant.
Lessee.. ..... 35 Henry Lock ..... 12 Mary A. Browning 13	1 0 0	70 0 0	same covenant.....	Also completed, (part of the site of the old almshouse.) Like original grant.

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL, 1821—*continued.*

No.	PREMISES.	Situation.	Date of Leases.	Lessee.	Occupier.
8	A house and garden	Redcliff-hill....	9 Oct. 1818	Jas. Ingram, executor of R. Mallard	B. Jennings .....
9	A house and two small tenements	ditto	16 May, 1774	J. Spearing for Mrs. Pook	Aaron Minors and others
10	Methodist meeting house and two small houses and gardens	Guinea-street ..	18 Oct. 1805	Rd. Bundy	Thomas Hall ..... W. Harrison .....
11	Two houses and garden.....	Redcliff-hill....	29 Sept. 1792	Christian Slade	Ann Pillinger, widow
12	A house and outlet	ditto	18 Sept. 1818	John Newman	John Washer.....
13	A house and outlet	ditto	21 July, 1809	Wm. Bayley	John Farler .....
14	A house and outlet	ditto	14 Mar. 1814	Jas. Ingram executor of R. Mallard	Charles Mills.....
15	A public-house called the Waggon and horses	ditto	18 Oct. 1805	James Tanner	James Redman ....
16	Two houses and outlets....	ditto	24 May 1809	Thomas Roberts and others, in trust for Jas. Pimm	Matthew Exon .... Richard Davis ....
17	A house and garden	ditto	15 July, 1794	James Ingram	John Cooke .....
18	A house and garden	ditto	31 July, 1792	Stephen Fitchew ..	T. Britton .....
19	A house and outlet	ditto	8 Jan. 1808	ditto	ditto .....
20	A house and outlet	ditto	12 July, 1819	M. Williams	William Yeates ....
21	A house and outlet	ditto	18 Sept. 1818	Christopher Bayley	lessee .....
22	A house and outlet.....	ditto	21 Mar. 1804	Henry King, for R. Watkins	Miss Watkins.....
23	A house and garden	ditto	24 June, 1789	R. Peters, sen.	Edward Peters ....
24	A house and garden (P.)..	ditto	12 Mar. 1799	Elton and Atlay, for J. Horton	W. Huxtable .....
25	A house garden; about 10 feet at the back of the garden is pipe land, (p.)	ditto	18 Sept. 1818	Wm. Bell	lessee.....
26	Two houses and gardens ..	ditto	14 Mar. 1817	Wm. Bayley.....	Judith Bayley Patten.....
27	A house and garden	ditto	18 Oct. 1805	C. A. Partridge....	Josias Hassall ....

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL, 1821—*continued.*

Existing Lives and Ages, or Term of Years.	Yearly Rent. £. s. d.	Fine for Renewal. £. s. d.	Other Considerations, (if any).	REMARKS.
Henry Fyson ..... 42 H. Weymouth, Jun. 41 Peter Peace. jun. .. 12	0 10 0	33 0 0	and surrender of 2 existing lives, (Fyson and Weymouth.)	
Chas. Warley..... 58	0 10 0	60 0 0	.....	original grant for 3 lives upon sale by auction.
Forty years, from 24th February, 1806	0 10 0	70 0 0	and surrender of lease in being of 26 years unexpired.	
Forty years	0 10 0	41 1 0	and surrender of existing lease and term of 26 years unexpired	
Forty years, from 14th March, 1817	1 0 0	56 18 0	like surrender.	
Eliz. Hull ..... 39 Judith Bayley..... 47	0 10 0	56 0 0	and surrender of 2 existing lives (said Hull and the lessee, also named in existing lease, but now dead.)	
Edw. Jerrard ..... 40 Francis Jerrard .... 23 R. Phippen, jun. .. 18	0 10 0	57 12 0	and surrender of 2 existing lives, (said Edward Jerrard and Francis Jerrard.)	
Jas. Slocombe .....51 Lessee ..... 56 in reversion of Wm. Battersby (now dead.)	1 0 0	45 9 8	surrender of previous lease in reversion, on which was the life of J. Slocombe.	
Forty years, commencing 31 March, 1809.	1 10 0	88 16 0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	
W. Biggs Ingram ... 41 Ann Ingram ..... 39 Sarah Ingram..... 36	1 0 0	65 0 0	surrender of 3 lives then in being, viz.— Rebecca Allen, Mark Biggs, John Biggs.	It is not known what ages these lives were, but they were probably old, as the surrendered lease bore date 30 years before that now in existence.
Stephen Cox 45	1 0 0	27 10 0	surrender of two lives, John Fitchew and James Fitchew, both named in existing lease, and since dead.	
John Cox.....40 Edward Masey 33	0 16 0	45 9 0	surrender of 2 lives, (said John Cox and James Fitchew, also named in existing lease, and since dead.	
Lessee ..... 42 Susanna Williams .. 38 F. W. James..... 10	1 0 0	107 0 0	surrender of 2 lives, lessee and Susannah Williams.	
Forty years from 15th June, 1817.	0 10 0	51 6 0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	
R. Watkins. jun. ... 33 Lucy Watkins 32	1 0 0	42 0 0	surrender of 2 lives, said R. Watkins, jun. and T. Broughton, jun. also named in new lease, and since dead.	
R. Peters, jun. 47	1 10 0	42 0 0	surrender of 2 lives then in being, and both inserted in existing lease, and since dead.	
Alice Durban .. 77 John Horton ..... 36 Mary D. Horton .. 39	1 0 0	50 0 0	surrender of 2 lives, viz. Alice Durban and John Horton.	
Forty years from 30th May, 1818.	1 5 6	82 0 0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	
Judith Bayley .... 44 Richard Hayes 23	1 0 0	105 0 0	surrender of 2 lives in being, viz. said Wm. Bayley, named in existing lease, and since dead, and Catherine Harding.	The exchange of Catherine Harding's life for Judith Bayley did not enhance the fine, Mrs. Bayley being considered the worse life of the two.
Emma Partridge.... 46 Octavia Partridge .. 44 Lucy F. Partridge .. 19	1 10 0	101 13 0	surrender of two lives, said Emma and Octavia Partridge.	

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL 1821—*continued.*

No.	PREMISES.	Situation.	Date of Leases.	Lessee.	Occupier.
28	12 small houses	Redcliff-hill....	2d June, 1796	D. T. Haythorne ..	.....
	F. Jones, 4 houses 4 4 0 Berry, 1 ditto .... 0 10 0 Parsons, 1 ditto .. 0 12 6 Brooks, 2 ditto .. 1 5 0 Angel, 2 ditto.... 1 1 6 Bishop, 1 ditto .. 0 12 6 Howell, 1 ditto .. 0 10 0 Ferris, 1 ditto .. 0 10 9 £.9 7 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	62 small houses, forming the sites of the undermentioned streets, &c. South-place (p.) 11 Redcliff-buildings (p.) 12 Orchard-square (p.) 20 Late Tennis-court 4 Redcliff-square 15 62	ditto	24th July, 1811	Timothy Cassin	R. J. Clark, and others
30	Two houses and garden (p.)	ditto	7th May, 1817	H. O. Wills	.....
31	A garden ..... (p.)	ditto	ditto	ditto	.....
32	A garden ..... (p.)	ditto	ditto	W. Bell	lessee .....
33	A garden ..... (p.)	ditto	ditto	R. Symes	William Bell.....
34	A house & detached stable (p.)	ditto	ditto	Mary Peters	ditto.....
35	Four houses in Bryant's-buildings	ditto	ditto	Eliz. Green	.....
36	Two houses in Bryant's-buildings	ditto	ditto	W. Colmer	.....
37	A house and garden	ditto	17th April, 1818	Susan Ames	Widow Blamin....
38	Girl's charity school, founded in 1786	ditto	4th Nov. 1814	Rev. M. R. Whish & W. Cooke	charity school ....
39	A house, Warehouse, and outhouses	ditto	22d June, 1820	William Bell.....	Wills, Ditchett, and Co.
40	House, warehouse, and lofts, and stable and wharf adjoining the river	ditto	21st Dec. 1764	A James.....	.....
41		ditto	20th May, 1813	H. Atwood	lessee .....
42	A house, warehouses, and cooperage, and the Fleece public-house adjoining the river.	ditto	27th Sept. 1804	James Sutton	Miss Cooke .....
43	A house	ditto	20th May, 1813	Elizabeth Leigh....	H. Bowden, widow

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL 1821—*continued.*

Existing Lives and Ages, or Terms of Years.	Yearly Rent. £.	s.	d.	Fine for Renewal. £.	s.	d.	Other Consideration, (if any.)	REMARKS.
Forty years from 25th March, 1796	1	10	0	100	0	0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	This lease of 2d June, 1796, comprised also the premises, or at least the site of the premises, included in the eight following numbers, ending 36. Mr. Haythorne, the lessee, had, prior to 1810, when his lease became renewable, sold or subgranted the whole premises. The different proprietors, however, surrendered their respective premises, and took fresh grants immediately from the feoffees, as are subjoined, except the proprietors of the premises comprised in the margin, who would not renew, and the vestry have since, by purchase, acquired Mr. Haythorne's interest in the improved ground-rents of those premises still held under the original lease, as per margin, so that in truth the whole is now held immediately of the feoffees. The improved ground-rents are paid to the vestry (in Mr. Haythorne's right during the remainder of his term) and the original rent of 30s. is of course merged, and no longer payable.
.....	7	17	0					
Forty years from 25th March, 1810	3	0	0	350	0	0	surrender of interest in lease No. 28.	These houses have been all erected since the commencement of the existing term, at which period the premises were garden-ground, and 1 house and tennis-court.
ditto	0	10	0	40	10	0	surrender of interest in lease No 28.	Part of No. 29, and the whole of Nos. 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34, are the 3 acres mentioned in the deed of 23d March, 1613, as belonging to the lodge, but which, through mistake, were omitted to be specifically inserted in the trust deed of 1754.
ditto	0	10	0	21	10	0	like surrender.	
ditto	0	10	0	8	0	0	like surrender.	
ditto	0	10	0	13	0	0	like surrender.	
ditto	0	10	0	27	0	0	like surrender.	
ditto	3	11	0	72	0	0	like surrender.	
ditto	1	6	0	24	6	0	like surrender.	This and the six preceding sums mentioned as fines, included interest, from the period when the renewal ought to have been made, according to usual course.
Forty years from 14th March, 1817	0	6	0	17	0	0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	
Forty years from 20th July, 1814	1	4	0	20	0	0	This sum included 10*l.* which was to have been paid for renewal in 1800. This fine is represented as being almost nominal, the object of the vestry in the lease being to further the charity.	
Forty years from 25th March, 1820	2	0	0	160	0	0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	
Thomas Tipton 71	3	0	0	372	0	0	original grant for 3 lives by private contract.	
Lessee ..... 44 Francis Jerrard .... 23 in reversion of Thos. Tipton	5	0	0	610	0	0		
Forty years	3	6	8	36	0	0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	
Thomas Leigh .... 58 John Howell ..... 51 Lessee 54	3	0	0	100	0	0	surrender of two existing lives, being said Leigh and Howell.	

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL 1821—*continued.*

No.	PREMISES.	Situation.	Date of Leases.	Lessee.	Occupier.
44	A house and outlet.....	Redcliff-street ..	1st Dec. 1803	Henry Bishop	William Jefferies ..
45	A house in Redcliff-street, and part of back premises of the Bear in St. Thomas-street.	ditto	12th July, 1819	William Moore	William Puke ....
46	A house and outhouses	ditto	21st March, 1818	Samuel Cary and others	John Hunt..... ..
47	A house and outlet.....	ditto	22d Feb. 1815	Ann Rowland	Thomas Gellett ....
48	A house and outlet.....	ditto	25th Feb. 1817	Henry Fyson	Lessee .....
49	A house and outlet.....	ditto	17th April, 1818	Joseph Taylor	Robertt Ball .....
50	A house and outlet.....	ditto	15th June, 1817	Thomas Ainsworth	Lessee .....
51	A public-house, called the Wheatsheaf, and small house adjoining	St. Thomas-street	7th Nov. 1798	Thomas Cole	Thos Silcocks .... Samuel House ....
52	A house and yard	ditto	7th May, 1817	James Clark	William Wilcox ..
53	A house, Workshops, yard and garden	ditto	ditto	John Steele	Lessee .....
54	A public-house, called the Duke of York	ditto	ditto	Richard Pearce...	William Stanton ...
55	A public-house, called the Lamb and Lark, and garden behind	ditto	15th Sept. 1808	Lewis and Daniel, executors of Sarah Baron	Lionel Emdin ....
56	A house, outlet and garden	ditto	20th Nov. 1798	John Perinton	W. Webber .....
57	A house, stable, and outlet	ditto	26th Aug. 1796	Thomas Willshire ..	Henry Geo. Dupleix
58	A house, warehouse, and buildings	ditto	21st July, 1809	James Rocke	W. Rashley .....
59	A house	ditto	8th March, 1798	W. Rocke	Amos Mudon .....
60	Two houses in front, and four small tenements behind, and garden	ditto	1st Dec. 1811	W. L. Clarke	Richard White and others
61	A house and warehouses ..	ditto	12th July, 1819	J. W. Lancaster ..	J. Woodward.....
62	A house and garden	ditto	7th May, 1817	Richard Pearce....	Samuel Scamp ....
63	Six houses	ditto	19th July, 1819	John Bristow.....	Geo. Whitehead and others
64	A yard, warehouses, and workshops	ditto	25th March, 1820	James Clark	William Jones ....
65	A house and garden	ditto	14th June, 1794	William Stockwell	William Gover ....
66	A house and yard and house adjoining	ditto	1st Sept. 1821	Josias Hassall	Himself and Co. ..
67	A yard and shed	Portwall-lane ..	12th July, 1819	Felix Jones, Jun...	Lessee .....
68	A plot of ground for building on	Canning-street ..	29th Sept. 1819	William Jones	.....

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL 1821—*continued.*

Existing Lives and Ages, or Terms of Years.	Yearly Rent.			Fine for Renewal.			Other Consideration, (if any.)	REMARKS.
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.		
Lessee ..... 56 Ann Bishop ..... 32 Thos. Rogers, jun... 33	2	0	0	110	0	0	covenant to lay out 500*l.* in taking down old house then standing, and in building a new house in lieu. Original grant on sale by auction.	Covenant performed.
Forty years from 30th Dec. 1818	2	8	0	78	18	0	surrender of unexpired term of twenty-six years.	
Forty years	1	0	0	81	0	0	ditto.	
Elizabeth Lewis .... 66 Robert Rowland.... 40	1	0	0	108	0	0	surrender of two lives in being, viz. said Elizabeth Lewis and Catherine Rowland, also in new lease, but since deceased.	
Forty years from 29th Sept. 1816	2	0	0	87	0	0	surrender of unexpired term of twenty-six years.	
Lessee ..... 53 Elizabeth his wife .. 42 Henry Hooper..... 14	2	10	0	66	0	0	surrender of two lives in being, viz. Elizabeth Thomas and Jos. Taylor.	
Forty years	1	13	4	49	7	6	surrender of unexpired term of twenty-six years.	
Lessee ..... 63 T. H. Cole ..... 38 Harriet Cole 34	1	0	0	130	0	0	surrender of one life, said Thomas Cole.	Alice West's gift.
Forty years from 15th June, 1817	0	16	0	75	14	0	surrender of unexpired term of twenty-six years.	
Ditto.....	0	16	0	63	4	0	ditto.	
Ditto.....	0	8	0	43	12	0	ditto.	
Forty years commencing 15th May, 1807	1	0	0	79	14	0	ditto.	
Anna Harper ..... 55 James Harper..... 51 Thomas Perinton ... 47	1	0	0	27	0	0	surrender of two lives, viz. Anna Harper and James Harper.	
W. L. Willshire.... 47 Anna M. Willshire 43 Thos. Mills, jun. .. 32	0	10	0	32	0	0	original grant for three lives, on sale by auction.	
Forty years commencing 14th Jan. 1808	1	0	0	128	10	0	surrender of unexpired term of twenty-six years.	
Richard Panter .... 36 J. H. Panter ..... 39 Mary Holman..... 26	2	0	0	250	0	0	original grant for three lives.	
W. Clarke ..... 17 Mary Anne Clarke.. 15 C. S. Clarke 12	1	0	0	555	0	0	original grant for three lives, on sale by auction.	
Mary Collins ..... 70 John Gillard ..... 29 Thomas Williams .. 25	1	0	0	212	0	0	surrender of two existing lives, viz. Mary Collins and John Gillard.	
Lydia Pearce ..... 71 Richard Pearce .... 20 Elizabeth Pearce.... 17	0	10	0	200	0	0	surrender of one life, said Lydia Pearce.	
Louisa Sophia Forth 27 Ann Maria House .. 21 Eliza House 19	4	0	0	400	0	0	original grant for three lives, by private contract.	
Thomas Clark..... 15 W. Spry Stock .... 11 B. Spry Stock..... 3	10	0	0	600	0	0	ditto.	
Forty years	0	6	8	12	2	0	surrender of unexpired term of twenty-six years.	
....	6	0	0	500	0	0	and covenant to lay out 500*l.* in building. Original grant by private contract.	Covenant performed.
Twenty-one years from 29th September, 1819	25	0	0	.....			and covenant to lay out 150*l.*	Covenant performed.
.....	1	0	0	12	0	0	agreement for laying out 150*l.* in building a dwelling-house.	Agreement performed.

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL 1821—*continued.*

No.	PREMISES.	Situation.	Date of Leases.	Lessee.	Occupier.
69	A plot of ground for building on	Canning-street..	29th Sept. 1819	William Jones	.....
70	A plot of ground for building on	ditto	ditto	W. L. Clarke.....	.....
71	A plot of ground for building on	ditto	ditto	Samuel Lucas	.....
72	A plot of ground for building on	ditto	ditto	John Landcastle ..	.....
73	A plot of ground for building on	ditto	ditto	Samuel Lucas	.....
74	A plot of ground for building on	ditto	ditto	John Landcastle....	.....
75	A plot of ground for building on	ditto	ditto	Samuel Lucas	.....
76	A plot of ground for building on	ditto	ditto	ditto	.....
77	Two houses and outlets....	Pile-street	25 March, 1790	Philip Wright	William Morgan ..
78	Glass-house and part of stable and shed	ditto	25th June, 1806	Rickets, Evans and Co.	— Baker, widow .. Lessees .....
79	A house and outlet	ditto	10th Nov. 1811	James Jennings....	John Hazell .....
80	A house and outlet	ditto	30th Nov. 1797	James Minors.....	... .
81	A house, garden, and outlet	ditto	7th Oct. 1818	Joseph Taylor	Sawyer, widow ....
82	Three houses	ditto	21st Dec. 1764	Rælof Birch	J. Wilton and others
83	.....	.....	.....	.....	... .
84	Seven houses	ditto	20 March, 1787	Phelps and Rolfe, for Joanna Pook	William Thomas and others
85	A house and garden	ditto	18th Jan. 1769	Joseph Wilson for ditto	Joseph Lawson ..
86	Six houses	ditto	10th June, 1813	Geo. Taylor	Thomas Mitchell .. Robert Sawyer ....
87	A piece of ground	ditto	5th Feb. 1789	Elton, Miles, and Co	.....
88	A house, counting-house, (Part p.) warehouses and factories, with stables and other buildings	Cathay	5th July, 1819	S. A. Lloyd	John Loftus and others
89	A house	ditto	12th July, 1819	Maria Day	....
90	Four houses	ditto	ditto	Elizabeth Haskins ..	.....
91	A house	ditto	ditto	J. W. Gibbs, for Sarah Chard	Sarah Chard .....
92	A house	ditto	ditto	Thomas Phillips ..	Lessee .....

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL 1821—*continued.*

Existing Lives and Ages, or Terms of Years.	Yearly Rent. £. s. d.	Fine for Renewal. £. s. d.	Other Consideration, (if any.)	REMARKS.
.....	1 0 0	12 0 0	same agreement as No. 68.	Like remark as 68.
C. Stewart Clarke .. 14 Eliz. Hurle Clarke 11 Martha Ann Clarke 6	1 0 0	8 0 0	same agreement as No. 68.	Not yet performed.
Lessee ..... 31 Henry Gillard .... 18 Mary Rice 22	1 0 0	4 0 0	same agreement as No. 68.	Not yet performed.
John Gillard ..... 26 Richard Landcastle 22 Sarah Wilkinson .. 14	1 0 0	3 0 0	same agreement as No. 68.	Like remark as 68.
.....	1 0 0	3 0 0	same agreement as No. 68.	Not yet performed.
.....	1 0 0	4 0 0	same agreement as No. 68.	Not yet performed.
.....	1 0 0	6 0 0	same agreement as No. 68.	Not yet performed.
				Nos. 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, and 76, together with 14 other lots of ground for building, in Canning-street, constitute the premises lately held by Messrs. Amatt, Harris, and Co. under sundry leases, at chief-rents, amounting together to 7*l.* per ann. And the lessees' interest in which was surrendered to the vestry for 1,260*l.*
Forty Years	0 10 0	14 0 0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	
Henry Ricketts .... 38 Jacob Ricketts 40	0 5 0	180 0 0	surrender of 2 lives, viz. T. Bindon, since deceased, and H. Ricketts, both named in new lease.	
Lessee..... 52 Benjamin Jennings 49 Thomas Jennings .. 18	0 10 0	41 4 0	surrender of 2 lives in being, viz. Lessee and Ben. Jennings.	
Lessee ..... 57 Susannah Maynors .. 54 Richard Cooke 36	0 10 0	49 0 0	original grant on sale by auction.	
Eliz. Taylor ..... 33 G. Taylor Hooper .. 12 Wm. Serjeant 16	1 0 0	80 0 0	original grant on sale by auction.	
Rælof Birch 62	0 10 0	21 0 0	original grant on sale by auction.	
.....	.....	.....	.....	This was meant for the charity school in Pile-street, which it is now pretty clear is not church land.—[*See* Report on Pile-street school.]
Jane Harden, now Baylis 64	2 0 0	90 0 0	surrender of 2 lives in being.	
Charles Taylor 57	0 6 0	75 0 0	original grant on sale by auction.	
Charles Hare ..... 38 George Hare ..... 26 Robert Leonard .. 33	1 0 0	126 0 0	original grant on sale by auction.	
John H. Wilcox 2	2 0 0	28 0 0	surrender of 2 existing lives, both named in new lease.	This is held by Redcliff feoffees from the feoffees of St. Peter's church lands.
Forty years from the date	4 0 0	580 0 0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	Part acquired by the purchase of 1760.—[*See* Rep.]
Forty years from 5th July, 1819	0 10 0	15 0 0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	Acquired by the purchase of 1760.
ditto	2 0 0	60 0 0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	Ditto.
ditto	1 0 0	45 0 0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	Ditto.
ditto	0 10 0	10 0 0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	Dittto.

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL 1821—*continued.*

No.	PREMISES.	Situation.	Date of Leases.	Lessee.	Occupier.
93	Six houses and garden ground ..... (p.)	Cathay.....	26th Feb. 1770	Rachael Lewis	.....
94	Ship public house at Cathay..... (p.)	Cathay Pipe Lands	9th July, 1807	William Kinton ..	John Harford and others .....
95	Five houses and garden (p.)	ditto	24th June, 1809	ditto	.....
96	Two houses and a brick-yard or gardens ..... (p.)	ditto	12th May, 1806	Isaac Cooke	Rev. F. Elwyn and others .....
97	Annuity	out of Somerset-square	.....	Mr. Shear's executors.....	.....
98	Buildings and premises occupied with distillery	St. Philip's	8th July, 1820	Michael Castle	Lessee .....
99	Distillery and premises	ditto	19th Oct. 1819	Ames, Castle, & Co.	Lessees .....
100	Iron foundry and premises..	ditto	25th July, 1794	John Winwood	Lessee .....
101	A House and outlet	St. Augustine's Parade	25th Mar. 1785	William Blake	—— Harvey ....
102	A house and garden	Rosemary-lane	11th April, 1799	Robert Stock Ludlow	Void .....
103	A stable and garden	ditto	25th Feb. 1814	ditto	John Hall .....
104	Two closes of ground originally containing, by estimation, 20 acres (more or less), situate at the Redcliff	Bedminster	1st Feb. 1796	Robert Bush... ...	Lady Dowager Smyth
105	A piece of pasture ground, containing, by estimation, 3 A. 3 R. 37 P.	Mutton-Hill....	24th June, 1788	Cave & Windey for Mr. Shears.....	Thomas Gibbs ....
106	A house and garden .. (p.)	Colston's Parade	17th April, 1818	Eleanor Hetling....	Lessee .....
107	A house (generally called the Great Room)....(p.)	ditto	.....	.....	Eliz. Perrin .....
108	A house	ditto	30th June, 1818	T. C. Baker, for Cooke & Wife..	James Clark .....
109	A house	ditto	19th Oct. 1819	Thomas Godwyn ..	Edward Sheppard ..
110	Almshouse, called House of Mercy, founded by Mr. Fry.....	ditto	11th Dec. 1818	feoffees of almshouse	.....

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL 1821—*continued.*

Existing Lives and Ages, or Terms of Years.	Yearly Rent.	Fine for Renewal.	Other Consideration, (if any.)	REMARKS.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.		
Mary Lewis ..... 78 Ann England now Smith..... 60	1 15 0	94 0 0	.....	This was a lease for two lives in reversion of one.
Mary Jane Kinton, 19 in reversion of said Lewis, now Young & Ann Smith	1 15 0	153 0 0	.....	These two leases comprise the whole of the premises included in No. 93; and when the vestry agreed to grant these reversionary leases of the premises in separate divisions, it was stipulated, that the full chief- rent should be reserved on each.
ditto	1 15 0	315 0 0	.....	
Ann Mitchell..... 57 Lessee..... 50 George Cooke..... 16	1 0 0	144 0 0	surrender of two lives in being.	
.....	.....	.....	.....	Gibbs's gift.
James Vaughan... 46 J. H. Wilcox..... 41 Henry A. Palmer... 18	6 6 0	260 0 0	surrender of two lives, said Vaughan and Wilcox, and both inserted in new lease.	
James Vaughan.... 46 J. H. Wilcox..... 41 Lionel Ames 12	1 4 0	700 0 0	surrender of two lives in being, said Vaughan and Wilcox.	
Philip John Miles.. 48 J. H. Wilcox..... 41 John Winwood 39	7 0 0	86 0 0	surrender of two lives in being, said Miles and Wilcox.	
Harriet March 42	0 16 0	75 0 0	surrender of one life in being, named in new lease, with the two new lives.	
Lessee 62	1 10 0	130 0 0	surrender of one life in being.	
Lessee 62	0 5 0	no fine paid	surrender of one life aged 24 years.	This lease was granted for the life of the lessee only, in exchange for his son's life, the lessee wishing that this and the preceding premises should be held on his life only.
William Milton.... 77 Frances his daughter 42 Joseph Parker 51	4 10 0	113 0 0	surrender of 2 lives in being.	Part of these lands have been sold to the Bristol Dock-Company, under the enabling powers in their Act of Parliament, to form the site of the new river which divides the premises; and the same, as now reduced to about 14 acres, consist of meadow ground and a timber-yard.
H. G. Windey .... 49 in reversion of Ann wife of —— Mitchell, late Ann Shears, & Letitia Forbes Donkin.. 47	0 10 0	31 5 0		
Lessee ..... 69 W. Carpenter Ray— 49	1 0 0	102 14 0	surrender of two lives, both named in new lease.	
.....	21 0 0			
Forty years from 25th March, 1818	1 0 0	47 0 0	surrender of unexpired term of 26 years.	
ditto	1 0 0	54 0 0	ditto.	
ditto	1 7 0	20 0 0	ditto.	

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL, 1821—*continued.*

No.	PREMISES.	Situation.	Date of Leases.	Lessee.	Occupier.
111	A house and garden .. (p.)	Colston's Parade	12th July, 1819	W. and J. J. Wright for Gwyer and wife	Thomas Harris ....
112	A house and garden .. (p.)	ditto	22d June, 1820	William Stock	—— Smith .....
113	A house and garden .. (p.)	ditto	ditto	Eliz. Fitchew	Lessee .....
114	Four houses and gardens ..	ditto	ditto	James Allen	Westcott and others
115	House and outlet	Cathay Parade..	1st Jan. 1819.	Samuel Lucas	—— Wansbrough..

An average Account of Fines for Renewals, for 50 Years, to Easter 1821.

	£.	s.	d.
For ten years ending Easter 1781, per annum	245	9	8
Ditto ..... ditto 1791, ditto	280	9	8
Ditto ..... ditto 1801, ditto	373	9	0
Ditto ..... ditto 1811, ditto	345	1	8
Ditto ..... ditto 1821, ditto	817	4	1

SCHEDULE (C.)

ABSTRACT of Annual Expenditure of the Rents, Fines, and Revenues, under the Control of the

YEAR Ending Easter.	*Repairs* of the *Church* and *Churchyard.* £. s. d.	*Service*; viz. Vicar for Prayers and Gift Sermons, the Lecturer, Organist, Clerk, Sexton, Ringers, and other incidental expenses. £. s. d.	*Pipe*; including yearly Dinner to the Vestry on surveying the Course to the Spring Head; the latter on an average of Ten Years, 9*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* per Annum. £. s. d.	*Gifts to Poor*, including the Payments to the Grammar School, Pile-street School, and the Repairs of the Almshouses; the latter amounting, on like Average, to 5*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* per annum. £. s. d.
1811.....	153 2 11	169 4 3	26 14 7	142 0 4
1812.....	943 1 0[a]	182 9 2	45 5 6	150 6 4
1813.....	47 7 6	172 6 2	24 1 2	152 12 7
1814.....	215 9 1	199 13 11	19 19 8	182 13 4
1815.....	101 2 11	183 16 2	25 7 4	147 5 5
1816.....	58 2 6	184 17 1	5 9 0	211 16 0[c]
1817.....	97 7 7	174 0 1	12 19 9	149 13 9
1818.....	183 13 11	178 11 7	77 18 3	174 6 9
1819.....	98 18 5	207 0 10	68 3 0	162 7 7
1820.....	195 3 11	236 15 2[g]	32 15 10	177 12 11
Total .... £	2,093 9 9	1,888 14 5	338 14 1	1,650 15 0
Annual average .. £	209 6 11	188 17 5	33 17 5	165 1 6

SCHEDULE (B.)—RENTAL 1821—*continued.*

Existing Lives and Ages, or Terms of Years.	Yearly Rent. £. s. d.	Fine for Renewal. £. s. d.	Other Consideration, (if any.)	REMARKS.
Forty years from 18th February, 1819	0 13 0	49 0 0	surrender of unexpired term of twenty-six years.	——
Forty years from 24th February, 1820	0 13 10	49 0 0	ditto.	
ditto	0 13 11	49 0 0	ditto.	
ditto	2 18 6	120 0 0	ditto.	
Amelia Lucas .... 17 John Lucas ..... 15 James Manley 22	2 0 0	390 0 0	original grant, on sale by auction.	Acquired by purchase in 1818.
	214 13 5			

Progressive Amount of Chief Rents reserved on the several Leases, for the like Period of 50 Years.

	£. s. d.
Annual amount at Easter 1771	95 18 0
Ditto ..... ditto 1781	95 2 10
Ditto ..... diito 1791	99 15 7
Ditto ..... ditto 1801	101 7 1
Ditto ..... ditto 1811	101 15 6
Ditto ..... ditto 1821	155 3 5

SCHEDULE (C.)

Vestry of the Parish of St. Mary Redcliff, for Ten Years, to Easter 1820 ; distinguishing each Year.

Church, and other *Lands*; viz. Original Purchases, Repairs, Alterations, Improvements, Taxes, advertizing, and Auctions, Surveyors, Interest of Money borrowed, and other Outgoings, including the Expenses of Committees, averaging, for Ten Years, 2*l.* 2*s.* per Annum.	*Sundry Expenses*, being of a mixed nature, including the Vestry Clerks' General Account, Annual Dinner on swearing the Churchwardens ; the latter being on a like Ten Years' Average 15*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* per Annum.	Total Expenditure each Year.
£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
78 10 7	34 17 10	604 10 6
31 7 0	74 17 6	1,427 6 6
89 8 3	40 11 9	526 7 5
64 17 0	131 19 3 [b]	814 12 3
42 1 0	33 5 10	532 18 8
48 11 0	42 3 6	550 19 1
128 8 01 [d]	59 11 4	622 1 4
565 16 1[e]	62 3 9	1,242 10 4
667 5 4[f]	52 10 3	1,256 5 5
1,980 6 6[h]	50 19 10	2,673 14 2
3,696 11 7	583 0 10	10,251 5 8
369 13 2	58 6 1	1,025 2 6

NOTES,

Explanatory of Excess in particular Years.

[a] Large repairs under the bishop's faculty ; viz. railing in the churchyard with iron rails, &c.

[b] Septennial perambulation, 71*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*

[c] Old debt paid Girls' school, 65*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.*

[d] Purchase of Haythorne.

[e] Purchase of Dock Company, 481*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.*

[f]

	£. s. d.
Conveyance and petition, ditto	99 11 11
Purchase of Mr. Cooke	97 10 0
Conveyance from W. Harris, &c.	53 8 4
Alterations, &c. St. Thomas-street.....	309 1 8
	£.559 11 11

[g] Increased in this and the preceding year, by the hangings &c. for the two royal mournings.

[h]

	£. s. d.
Purchase money paid Amatt and Co. and interest	1,346 2 6
Sundry expenses on premises	71 5 0
Paid bond debt, contracted in 1818, and interest.....	506 5 0
	£.1,923 12 6

SCHEDULE (A.) OF THE CHURCH LANDS OF SAINT THOMAS,

N. B.—Where any additional Premises are found

No. on the Plan and Schedule (B.)	1. DESCRIPTION IN 1566 and 1602.	2. DESCRIPTION IN 1636.	3. DESCRIPTION IN 1659.	4. DESCRIPTION IN 1689.
11, 12.	All those 3 tenements situate in St. Thomas-street, with the appurtenances between the street aforesaid, on the east part, and the church-yard of St. Thomas on the west, then in the tenures of Edmond Rogers, Richard Blewett and Thomas Steele, whereof one was called the Church House.	One messuage or tenement with the appurtenances, in the occupation of Thomas Bright, butcher, with a wool-hall or loft adjoining, and 2 shops, and 2 slaughter-houses, and 3 chambers, which premises were heretofore 3 tenements, &c.	The same.	Now converted into 4 dwelling-houses, late in the occupation of Henry Gleson, and now of his trustees.
13.		*Also one little messuage, with the appurtenances adjoining the south-side of the church tower, in the holding of Welthian Phillips; also one messuage, with the appurtenances, in the tenure of Michael Pope, situate over the gate of the Bear inn.*	The same.	The same, in the occupation of John Dilham and Richard Bayly.
		And also a little messuage, with the appurtenances, lying in the church yard, adjoining the north side of the tower, in the holding of Julian Stibbens, sometime called the Bear House.	A parcel of ground, lying open with the church-yard, whereon stood a little house, called the Bear House.	The same.
5, 6.	And those 4 tenements, in the street aforesaid, situate altogether, with 4 gardens and shops, between Hounden-lane on the one part, and a stable and garden of John Oliver of the other part, in the tenure of William Cary and Richard Rogers.	Two messuages or tenements adjoining, together with a garden behind; and also a lodge and stable, with a garden adjoining, in the tenures of John Thorne and Thos. Elliott, and Edmund Allflat, (and were heretofore 4 tenements and 4 gardens)	The same, in the occupation of John Truston and James Cable.	The same, Richard Dean and John Cross.
7.		*And also a messuage, with a stable and garden, in the holding of John Jane, situate in St. Thomas-street, in the parish of St. Thomas and Temple, or one of them, extending from St. Thomas-street on the west part, to certain gardens, belonging to Alexander Kerswell, on the east part.*	The same, in the occupation of Tim. Parker.	The same, in the occupation of Ann Parker, widow.
4.	One garden, with the lodge and appurtenances, in the street aforesaid, in the parish of St. Mary Redcliff, between a garden of Michael Sowdeley of the one part, and a garden pertaining to the parish church of Redcliff of the other part, in the tenure of Thomas Callowhill.	And also a stable, late built, in the occupation of William Callowhill.	The same, in the occupation of Edward Tyson.	All that messuage or tenement, stable and garden, formerly a garden, lodge, and stable, with the appurtenances, in the holding of Frances Price, widow.

AS DESCRIBED IN THE SEVERAL TRUST DEEDS.

in the Deeds, they are distinguished by *Itali s.*

5. DESCRIPTION IN 1717.	6. DESCRIPTION IN 1746.	7. DESCRIPTION IN 1761.	8. DESCRIPTION IN 1789.
The same, in the tenures of John Durbin, Edward Sanegar, Benjamin Randolph, and Richard Guy.	The same, in the tenures of John Durbin, Daniel Shewring, Benjamin Randolph and Thomas Hellier.	The same.	The same; the southward-most, in the tenure of Richard Driver, as tenant to John Durbin; the next adjoining, in the tenure of Richard Driver, as tenant to the feoffees; the next of John Brown, as tenant to Mary and Ann Sharp; and the other, of Joseph Viney, as tenant to John Brown.
The same, Willm. Goldsmith and Richard Bayly.	The same, William Goldsmith, and executors of Lionel Lyde.	The same, Sampson Bayly, and executors of Lyde.	The same, Cornelius Lowdon and John Price.
The same.	The same.	The same.	The same.
Two messuages or tenements, lately converted into 3, with 1 garden behind, in the holding of Saml. Drew.	The same.	The same, Joseph Cooke.	All that messuage or tenement, with the outlet or garden thereto adjoining, in the occupation of John Gillard, as tenant to Francis Parry, situate in St. Thomas-street; and also a messuage or tenement, in the tenure of John Powell, between the said last-mentioned messuage on the north part, and Hounden-lane, otherwise Michael's Lane; and also a messuage or tenement, in the occupation of —— Dyer, situate in Hounden-lane aforesaid, which last 2 messuages were then held by Sarah Slape; and also 2 messuages or tenements, situate in Hounden-lane aforesaid, between the messuage last described on the westward part, and the churchyard on the eastward part, then in the occupations of as tenants to Henry Palling.
And all that lodge and stable, now converted into a dwelling-house, with a garden, in the occupation of Thomas Brown.	All that dwelling-house and garden, late in the holding of Thos. Brown, and now Robert Ridout; but the said garden is now converted into a churchyard.	The same.	
Now converted into 4 tenements and 3 gardens, whereof 3 tenements front St. Thomas-street, in the occupation of Sarah Bubb.	The same.	The same, late in the occupation of Sarah Bubb.	All that messuage or tenement, situate in St. Thomas-street, with the yard, stable, warehouses, and out-buildings, commonly called the Grapes, and having been erected on ground whereon formerly stood four several messuages, three whereof fronted St. Thomas-street.
The same.	The same, in the occupation of John Price.	The same.	The same, in the holding of Geo: Clerkson, as tenant to George Bush.

SCHEDULE (A.) OF THE CHURCH LANDS OF ST. THOMAS,

No. on the Plan and Schedule (B.)	1. DESCRIPTION IN 1566 and 1602.	2. DESCRIPTION IN 1636.	3. DESCRIPTION IN 1659.	4 DESCRIPTION IN 1689.
10.	Two tenements, situate over against the church-yard of St. Thomas of the east part, between Church-lane of the north part, and a garden of John Brampton, of the south part.	All that one messuage or tenement, some time two messuages or tenements, in the occupation of Henry Baber, baker.	The same, in the occupation of Walter Edwards.	The same, in the possession of the churchwardens.
19.	Two tenements, with their appurtenances, situate in Castle-street, over against the castle gate, in the parish of St. Peter.	All those five messuages or tenements, formerly two messuages or tenements, situate in Castle-street, in the occupation of Thomas Powell, Thomas Newton, William Rodman, John Richards, and Thomas Cooke.	The same, in the occupation of Richard Jordan.	The same, in the possession of the Widow Jordan.
14, 15.	Two messuages, situate in Redcliff-street, with all shops and appurtenances, extending from the said street forwards, to the water of Avon backwards, in the tenures of Thomas Tomlinson and Henry Sherwood.	Two messuages or tenements, one of them being an inn, called the White Horse; Thomas Tomlinson and Henry Sherwood.	The same, Wm. Tomlinson and John Crump.	The same, in the occupation of John Godd and Mary Stratton.
18.	All that tenement, with a garden, shop and appurtenances, in Redcliff-street, extending from the said street forwards to the water-course of Avon backwards, in the tenure of William Priddy.	The same, in the occupation of Robert Neason.	The same, William Bullock.	The same, Isaac Hort, sugar-baker.
16, 17.	And those two tenements, and two gardens, with the appurtenances, situate in Redcliff-street, between a tenement of the parish church of Redcliff of the south part, and a tenement of John Rodney, Esquire, deceased, of the north part, extending from the said street to the common ditch there backwards in the tenures of John Sessell and William Whitney.	The same, in the occupation of William White, and William Becknell.	The same, Thomas Northern and Richard Hudson.	The same, Thomas Biss and John Smith.
2.	All that messuage, sometime called the Mansion-place, otherwise Foster's-place, with a garden, and other their appurtenances, and a tenement, with a garden and appurtenances to the same messuage adjoining, situate in Temple-street, extending from the said street forwards to Thomas-street backwards; the house in the tenure of John Gray, and the garden of Catherine Nichols.	All that messuage or tenement, some time called the Mansion-place, otherwise Foster's-place, situate in Temple-street, in the occupation of Richard Ditty; (no mention of the tenement adjoining)	The same, Parsivall Pacie.	The same, Sir Richard Crump.
3.	All that tenement and garden, with the appurtenances, called the White House, situate in Temple-street, between tenements called the Weaver's Hall, on either part.	The same	The same	Late in the possession of Wm. Pope, and now of Christopher Patch.

AS DESCRIBED IN THE SEVERAL TRUST DEEDS—*continued*.

5. DESCRIPTION IN 1717.	6. DESCRIPTION IN 1746.	7. DESCRIPTION IN 1761.	8. DESCRIPTION IN 1789.
The same	The same	The same, in the possession of Samuel Smith, druggist.	All that messuage or tenement, sometime 2 messuages, now used as warehouses and stables, in the occupation of John Cave.
Two messuages, adjoining together, in the occupation of the widow Moon.	Two, in the occupation of Francis Coombs.	The representatives of Francis Coombs.	Two, Thomas Cross and Ann Dunn.
The same, late in the occupation of Sir William Lewis.	The same, in the occupation of Joseph Lewis, tobacconist, and Job Gardiner, brewer.	The same, Joseph Lewis and Richard Allen.	The same, Samuel Edwards and Richard Sloper, as tenants to Elizabeth Ring.
All that messuage or tenement, with a garden, whereon a warehouse is now built, in the occupation of Stephen Clutterbuck.	The same, in the occupation of Nicholas Bloom.	The same John Bloom.	The same, in the occupation of Dean Blake & Co.
The same, Mary Biss and Mary Codnor.	The same, Peter Codnor, and the assignees of Kemp Bowman.	The same, the Widow Baugh and H. Richards.	The same, in the occupation of Edward Amos, as tenant to John Easton and Boon Powell, as tenant to Rebekah Knock.
The same, Dame Margaret Crump.	The same, the Widow Whittuck.	The same.	The same, in the occupation of Ann Bloom.
The same, Mary Patch.	The same, Mary Millard.	The same.	Now converted into 2 tenements, fronting Temple-street, with the garden ground adjoining, whereon were lately erected 5 small messuages or tenements, in the tenure of George Carmarthen.

SCHEDULE (A.) OF THE CHURCH LANDS OF ST. THOMAS,

No. on the Plan and Schedule (B.)	1. DESCRIPTION IN 1566 and 1602.	2. DESCRIPTION IN 1636.	3. DESCRIPTION IN 1659.	4. DESCRIPTION IN 1689
1.	All that garden, with the appurtenances, lying in the said street, between the Tucker's Hall of the one part, and a garden, in the occupation of Wm. Wardford, of the other part, in the tenure of Rd. Horner.	The same in the occupation of John Tolson.	All that garden, with the appurtenances, on part whereof a messuage is lately built, in the occupation of J. Whiting.	The same, John Cary.
	MEAL MARKET.			
1 a.	All that void place of land, with the appurtenances, lying in Wynche-street, in the tenure of the mayor and commonalty of Bristol.	*Also one yearly rent of* 40*s. issuing out of* all that place, sometime a void piece of land, and now converted into a meal market, situate in Wine-street, otherwise Wynche-street	The same	The same.
	To hold, &c. to the maintenance of God's divine service, repairing and amending of the said church, and the houses, lands, and tenements thereunto belonging, and other necessary expenses and charges thereunto pertaining.	*Also a yearly rent of* 6*s.* 8*d., issuing out of a messuage, late the land of Richard Jackson, deceased, adjoining the northward side of the Bear inn, in Redcliff-street.*	The same	The same, Ezekiel Longman.
		Also a yearly rent of 2*s.* 9*d. issuing out of a messuage in Redcliff-street, parish of St. Thomas, in the occupation of John Shepperd.*	The same	*Yearly rent of* 22*s.* 9*d.* issuing out of a messuage in Redcliff-street, late John Shepperd, now Geo. Dighton.
		Also a yearly rent of 1*s.* 8*d. issuing out of a messuage in the holding of Henry Elliott, in Redcliff-street.*	The same, John Willoughby.	The same, Thos. Day.
		To hold, &c. upon trust, to employ the rents, issues, and profits, to and for the maintenance and repairing the parish church of St. Thomas, and for other good and charitable uses as hath been heretofore accustomed.	*Also a yearly rent of* 7*l.* *and one other yearly rent of* 20*s. issuing out of a corner tenement near the bridge foot, given and appointed by Robert Rogers and Sir Richard Rogers, for good uses, by their wills.*	The same.
			Also a yearly rent of 20*s. issuing out of a corner messuage in Tucker-street, given by Matthew Warren.*	The same.
			Same habendum as the last.	The maintenance and support of the aforesaid parish church of St. Thomas, and the tower, bells, seats, and other necessaries and good uses as hitherto hath been used and accustomed.

The Wool Hall, No. 8, is not specifically comprised in any of the foregoing Deeds;

AS DESCRIBED IN THE SEVERAL TRUST DEEDS—*continued.*

5. DESCRIPTION IN 1717.	6. DESCRIPTION IN 1746.	7. DESCRIPTION IN 1761.	8. DESCRIPTION IN 1789.
The same.	The same, Richard Smith.	The same. *Also all that messuage or tenement, situate on the eastward side of the bridge of Bristol, in the parish of St. Thomas, late in the occupation of Robert Smith, but now void.* *And also all that other messuage or tenement, situate on the westward side of the said bridge, in the occupation of Henry Johnes.*	The same, in the occupation of the widow Smyth. Omitted. [The premises having been taken down under the powers of the Bridge Act.]
The same.	The same.	The same.	The same.
The same.	The same, Peregrine Palmer.	The same.	Omitted. [The premises cannot now be identified.]
The same, the widow Dighton.	The same, Philip Jones.	The same, John Powell.	The same, Kelson, Lewis, and Corser.
The same, Dame Ann Day.	The same, Benjamin Glisson.	The same, William Hull.	The same, Messrs. Powell & Co
The same.	The same.	Omitted. [*See* the Report on Rogers's Charities.]	Omitted.
The same.	The same.	The same. *And also all other the messuages, lands, tenements, rents charge, rents seck, annuities, & hereditaments, belonging to the parish church of St. Thomas, called St. Thomas Church Lands.*	The same, John Reinke & Co. The same.
The same as the last uses.	The same uses.	In trust, to employ the rents, issues, and profits, to and for such pious and good uses as the same have hitherto been accustomed and ought to be employed.	The same uses as in 1689.

it will be inserted in an intended new Trust Deed.

SCHEDULE (B.)

SCHEDULE OF THE CHURCH LANDS OF

No.	PREMISES.	SITUATION.	DATE OF LEASES.
	House and premises	Temple-street, adjoining Tucker's Hall and the Bell Inn.	24th Feb. 1768 : 99 years 24th June, 1777
2	A messuage and premises.....	Temple-street	25th Jan. 1765 : 99 years 21st March, 1792.
3	Two messuages, gardens, and premises, formerly one, called the White House	Ditto	21stMar. 1792 : 99 years 15th October, 1800
4	A messuage, garden, and premises.....	Saint-Thomas-street ..	25th March, 1783 : 99 years
5	A messuage and premises.....	Mitchell-lane, adjoining the burying-ground ..	29th Sep. 1787 : 99 years
6	Two messuages and premises, formerly one, and one part now a blacksmith's shop	Saint Thomas-street, in Mitchell-lane	1st May, 1755 17th Oct. 1809 ; 99 years
10	A stack of warehouses, formerly a messuage or tenement, called the Poor-House, and a stable under same	Opposite the church-yard, Saint Thomas-lane....	23d Dec. 1768 : 99 years 30th May, 1790 25th August, 1800
11	A messuage and premises.....	First house from the church Saint Thomas-street ..	10th Jan. 1792 : 99 years 31st August, 1815
11	Ditto	Second house from the church.....	29th September, 1816
11	Ditto	Third house from the church.....	8th June, 1790 : 99 years
12	A messuage and premises.....	Thomas-street, and extending back to the church-yard and No. 11	25th Mar. 1783 : 99 years 15th July, 1803
13	Ditto	Saint Thomas-street	16th May, 1777 : 99 years
14	Ditto	Redcliff-street, adjoining No. 15	21st Dec. 1790 : 99 years 18th October, 1820
15	A messuage or premises, called Penner coal Wharf	Redcliff-street, adjoining No. 14, and extending back to floating harbour	18th Dec. 1805 : 40 years

SCHEDULE (B.)

SAINT THOMAS, IN BRISTOL.

LESSEE.	OCCUPIER.	Lives and Ages, or Terms of Years.	Yearly Rent. £.	s.	d.	Fine for Renewal £.	s.	d.
Richard Smith	J. Searle, basket-maker	Henry Smith..... 3	5	0	0	40	0	0
Ann Collett..... Esther Wells	John Duffett, Potter..	Lydia Clements ..... 12 James Clements .... 10 Ann Clements 8	0	17	0	84	0	0
George Carmarthen .... Peter Hammill	John Gay, carpenter	Joseph Tyson Rees.. Peter Hammill..... 17 John Hammill..... 13	1	4	0	200	0	0
George Bush	John Anger, cooper..	Ann Bush..... 9 John Bush ..... 7 William Bush 5	1	0	0	81	0	0
Henry Palling.....	Esther Isles	Henry Palling ..... 36 Elizabeth Palling.... 36 Lois Palling..... 8	0	5	0	51	0	0
Joseph Cooke ..... Robert Jeffery	Robert Jeffery, clerk of the cattle-market	Robert Jeffery ..... 9 John Jeffery..... 5	1	0	0	210	0	0
Samuel Smith ..... Thomas Daniel, jun. in trust for Messrs. Cave	.....	John Tandy ..... Stephen Cave and JohnCave, his son .. 10	1	0	0	26	0	0
Richard Driver ..... John Driver	John Driver.....	John Driver ..... 31 Matthew Driver 29	1	0	0	180	0	0
John and Matthew Driver	John Driver.....	John and Matthew Driver, 21 years absolute	31	10	0			
Richard Driver..	John Driver.....	John Driver ..... 31 Matthew Driver .... 29 John Driver 10	2	0	0	60	0	0
John Brown.. ..... Charles Brown	——Hathway	William Bulgin .... 25 Elizabeth Brown .... 5 Mosely Alman..... 18	1	0	0	44	0	0
John Price, upon the trusts of the will of Samuel Price, deceased	Void	Ann Cuff..... 11 Betsey Price..... 6 Samuel Cuff..... 16	21	0	0	21	0	0
Richard Sloper ..... Edward T. Jones	George Thomas	Richarp Sloper..... Theodore Jones .... 25 Edward L. Jones.... 1	2	10	0	247	10	0
John Ames..... Michael Castle ..... Thomas Castle	Edward Jones & sons	Renewable every 14 years, or within one year after	6	0	0	54	0	0

Schedule (B.)—Schedule of the Church Lands of St. Thomas, in Bristol—*continued.*

No.	PREMISES.	SITUATION.	Date of Leases.
16	A messuage, garden, and premises	Redcliff-street, extending backwards to Law Ditch adjoining No. 17.....	18th August, 1755: 99 years .....
17	A messuage and premises, called the Angel....	Redcliff-street, extending backwards to Law Ditch adjoining No. 16.....	28th July, 1789..... 26th July, 1779: 99 years
18	A messuage and premises	Redcliff-street, extending backwards across Redcliff-back to the ferry	19th August, 1786..... 14th April, 1800 ..... September, 1812.....
29	Two messuages, now one, used as a waggon warehouse, and called the Fly Waggon warehouse	Peter-street.....	21st Dec. 1808: 99 years
	Market for cattle.....	Saint Thomas-street	11th Dec. 1809 .....
7	A messuage and premises called the Bunch of Grapes..	Saint Thomas-street	20th November, 1765 ..
8	A messuage and warehouses called Wool Hall	Saint Thomas-street and Saint Thomas-lane	.....
9	Church, church-yard, and burying-ground	Ditto and Ditto	
	The alms-house	Long-row	.....
	The cellar under same.....	.....	.....
	One yearly rent of 40*s.*, issuing out of the meal-market in Wine-street		

A yearly acknowledgement of 1*s.*, paid by John Thomas, together with the rent of 1*l.* for No. 10, for building on the church-yard wall the stables of the Red Lion Inn, Redcliff-street.

SCHEDULE (C.) .....

ABSTRACT of Annual Expenditure of the Rents and Revenues under the Control distinguishing the several

YEAR Ending Easter.	Repair of Church and Churchyard.			Service of Church; viz. Vicar for Prayers, Organist, Clerk, Sexton, Ringers, and incidental Expenses.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1811	72	17	8	108	13	11
1812	49	14	2	102	15	2
1813	35	15	10	121	13	9
1814	29	8	4	120	5	8
1815	43	5	8	104	15	9
1816	247	5	0	141	11	11
1817	45	12	2	80	10	3
1818	52	10	7	80	9	2
1819	179	0	0	90	5	5
1820	135	0	2	90	13	5½
	890	9	7	1,041	4	5½
Annual Average....	89	0	11	104	2	5

Schedule (B.)—Schedule of the Church Lands of St. Thomas, in Bristol—*continued.*

LESSEE.	OCCUPIER.	Lives and Ages, or Terms of Years.	Yearly Rent.			Fine for Renewal.		
		Yrs.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Thomas Eaton ..... John Eaton.....	John Warry, watchmaker ..	John Eaton..... 3	1	0	0	30	0	0
Rebecca Nock	Thomas Badham	Rebecca Nock 26	0	16	0	55	0	0
Tho. Deane, W. Blake, and Ann Bloome	George Wylde and sons	James Clark Sarah Simpson 6	1	0	0	100	0	0
Joseph Dyer John Parsons Cyrus Symes, and Ann Mitchell	Mr. Edward Mitchell	Mary Gaynes Hannah Gaynes, and J. Penfold Stallard....17	1	4	0	100	0	0
Robert Jeffery	....	14 years absolute	140	0	0			
Richard Fitzherbert	Edward Lee Lye	Ann Fitzherbert .....10 James Fitzherbert .... 8 Eliz. Fitzherbert 6	1	0	0	160	0	0
.....	.....	.....	30	0	0	0	0	0
.....	16 almswomen	.....	5	0	0	Paid by the Corporation of the poor.		
.....	R. Hassell	.....	3	0	0			
.....	.....	.....	2	0	0			
.....	... .	.....	0	1	0			
			241	17	0			

.....SCHEDULE (C.)

of the Vestry of the Parish of St. Thomas, for Ten Years, to Easter, 1820; Heads of Expenditure.

Gifts to Poor, including Weekly Bread, payment of 16 Women in Almshouse, and clearing and repairing Almshouse.			Church Lands, comprising Taxes, Printing, payments to St. Mary Redcliff, for Water Pipes, to the Chamberlain for Market, Receiver of Rents, &c.			Sundry Expenses, including Vestry Clerk's Account, the Annual Supper St. Thomas's Night, repairing Fire-Engines, &c.			TOTAL.		
£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
157	14	0	30	12	2	47	5	6	417	3	3
160	19	1	52	7	6	22	1	6	387	7	5
159	10	9	4	12	6	39	19	0	361	11	10
157	12	10	46	6	2	18	19	0	372	12	0
157	16	10	14	4	4	48	12	9	368	15	4
164	10	7	4	12	6	13	17	5	571	17	5
159	1	4	53	12	3	21	15	6	360	11	6
174	14	0	9	3	10	83	19	1	400	16	8
157	8	11	6	19	0	57	14	6	491	7	10
178	13	4	22	10	7½	46	7	2	473	4	9
1,628	1	8	245	0	10½	400	11	5	4,205	8	0
162	16	2	24	10	1	40	1	1	420	10	9

(A.)

SCHEDULE OF THE CHURCH LANDS OF TEMPLE PARISH,

N. B.—Where any additional Premises are found in

No. in the Book of Plans.	1. Description in 1478.	2. Description in 1550.	3. Description in 1579.	4. Description in 1608.	5. Description in 1635.
24. 25.	Thirty-two shillings annual rent, issuing from one tenement, situate in the suburbs of the city of Bristol, in Temple-street, extending from said street forwards, to Bast Avon backwards.	Same.	Same.	Same.	A messuage and garden, situate in Temple street, near the Conduit, on the east side of the said street, and the yearly rent of 32*s.* reserved out of the same, and extending from the said street forwards, to the Bast Avon backwards. *A tenement and garden, situate on the east of Temple-street, and extending from the said street forwards, to the Bast Avon backwards.*
26, 27. 28, 29. 30, 31. 32, 33. 10. 10.	All that tenement, with its appurtenances, situate in said street, and extending from said street forwards, to the Law ditch backwards.	Eight tenements, adjoining together, situate in Temple-street, and extending from said street forwards, as far as Bast Avon backwards, between tenement of Redcliff church on the south and tenements of St. Thomas church on the north.	Same as in No. 2, except that it is described as between a tenement of Walter Ailworth on the south, and a tenement of Geo. Farmer on the north.	Same description.	Same.
1. 2. 3.	All those 3 shops, with their appurtenances, adjoining together, situate in Long-row, and extending from said street forwards, to certain shops of Temple church, and to a certain latnam on the lawditch backwards.	Same.	Same.	Described as 3 shops & tenements.	Same.
4. 5. 6.	Seven shillings annual rent of assize, issuing from one tenement, with its appurtenances, in Temple-street, extending from said street forwards, to the Law ditch backwards.	*Three tenements in Temple-street, & extending from said street forwards, as far as the Law ditch backwards.*	Same.	Same.	Same. .....

(A.)

AS DESCRIBED IN THE SEVERAL PARISH FEOFFMENTS.

the Feoffments, they are described in *Italics*.

6. Description in 1659.	7. Description in 1690.	8. Description in 1723.	9. Description in 1753.	10. Description in 1787.	11. Description in 1820.
Described as 2 tenements.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
Two messuages, with one piece of void ground, and a garden, and all the houses thereon built, in Temple-street aforesaid, between a messuage called the Yellow Anchor on the south, and a street called Long-row on the north.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same. Two in Temple-street, and a corner house in Long-row.	Same.
Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
Two acres of meadow land, situate in Bedminster, in or near a place called Lucknow.		*Annuity of 5l. issuing out of a tenement in Back-street, parish of St. Nicholas.*	Same.	Same. *Annuity of 10l. payable out of Max Mills, county of Somerset.*	Same. *A piece of garden ground, in Tower-street, parish of Temple, part of certain ground heretofore called Spring Garden, containing in front, next Tower-street, 54 feet, and in depth, towards a lane leading to Ash Lodge, 116 feet. A stable and summer house, built on the same piece of garden ground.*

(A.)—SCHEDULE OF THE CHURCH LANDS OF TEMPLE PARISH,

No. in the Book of Plans.	1 Description in 1478.	2. Description in 1559.	3. Description in 1579.	4. Description in 1608.	5. Description in 1635.
18, 19. 20, 21. 55. 35. 36. 37. 38.	Four shops, adjoining together, situate on the eastern part of Temple-street aforesaid, and extending from the said street forwards, as far as the oninterned of Temple church backwards.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
9, 10.	Two shops, with the gardens, lying together on the east side of the aforesaid street, and extending from Temple street aforesaid forwards, to the Law ditch backwards.	Described as six shops.	Same as in No. 2.	Same as Nos. 2 & 3, but described as six shops and gardens.	Same as in No. 4
11. 11					
8.	Eight shillings annual rent of assize, issuing from one tenement in Temple-street, extending from the said street forwards, as far as Bast Avon backwards.	Described as 13-4	Same as in No. 2. *All that tenement and shops, situate in Long-row, and extending from said street, called Long-row, forwards, unto a tenement belonging to the parish church of Temple backwards.*	Same as in No. 2 Same as in No. 3	..... Same, but converted into two tenements.
38	A tenement, and two shops, with their appurtenances, in Temple-street. and extending from the aforesaid street forwards, as far as the Law ditch backwards.	Described as a tenement, and one shop.			
13 14	Seven shops, with their appurtenances, in Long-row, and extending from three shops, belonging to Temple-church aforesaid, forwards, and to the Law ditch backwards.	Same.	escribed as seven shops, and one tenement.	Same as No. 3, but described as seven shops and tenements. *Two tenements, let at the yearly rent of 3l. 5s. 8d. in Temple-street, and extending from said street forwards, to the Law ditch backwards.*	Same, but converted into tenements. Same, *but described as two tenements, garden ground and rack, at the rent of 3l. 6s. 8d, situate in Temple-street, and extending from said street to St. Thomas street backwards.*

AS DESCRIBED IN THE SEVERAL PARISH FEOFFMENTS—*continued.*

6. Description in 1659.	7. Description in 1690.	8. Description in 1723.	9. Description in 1753.	10. Description in 1787.	11. Description in 1820.
Same, but described as four shops and tenements.	Same as No. 6.	Same as in No. 7	Same as in No. 8, but converted into eight messuages-	Same as in No. 9	Same.
	All those messuages and gardens, in East Tucker street, parish of Temple, purchased of Margaret Alby, widow, in 25 *Ch.* 2.	Same.	Same.	Same, but described as four messuages, brewhouse and garden.	Same as in No. 10.
		Annuity of 40*s. issuing out of one tenement in Temple street, formerly in the possession of Matthew Nicholls, mariner, deceased.*	Same.	Same.	Same.
Same.	Same, but described as six shops or tenements, with gardens.	Same as in No. 7	Same as in No. 8	Same.	Same.
				A messuage and tenement, in Temple-street, bounded on the north by a warehouse, in the possession of—— Knight, and on the south by premises in the possession — of Tipper.	Same.
				A messuage, on the west side of Temple-street, bounded on the west by premises in the possession of —— Goddard, and on the south by premises in the possession of Sarah Clarke.	Same.
..... Same.	..... Same, but converted into a storehouse.	Same.	Same as in No. 8	Same, but again converted into one tenement and shop.	Same.
				A building or warehouse, erected on the scite or ground situate on Temple-back, in the parish of Temple, in the occupation of Daniel Stanton, and bounded on the east by Temple-back, on the west by a messuage, warehouse and premises, in the occupation of Messrs. Rickards and Butcher, on the north by warehouses and premises, in the occupation of Mr. Charles Bisset, and on the south by a stable and premises, in the occupation of the said Daniel Stanton.	
				And also so much of said warehouse and premises, in the occupation of Messrs. Rickards and Butcher as were of freehold tenure, and as were formerly used as a back kitchen to the said messuage or tenement, in their occupation.	
Same.	Same	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same
Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same, but described as two tenements and rack.	Same.

(A.) SCHEDULE OF THE CHURCH LANDS OF TEMPLE PARISH,

No. in the Book of Plans.	1. Description in 1478.	2. Description in 1550.	3. Description in 1579.	4. Description in 1608.	5. Description in 1635.
	Eight shillings annual rent of assize, issuing from one tenement, called Towker's Hall, extending from Temple-street forwards, to the Law ditch backwards.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
	Eight shillings annual rent of assize, issuing from two tenements in Towker-street, extending from the said street forwards, as far as the River Avon backwards.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
56. 57. 58. 69.	Three shillings annual rent of assize, issuing from one tenement in Towker-street, extending from said street forwards, as far as the river Avon backwards.	Same.	Same. *All that garden ground, with a lodge, of the yearly rent of 5s. 8d., situate between garden ground of Temple church on the west, and a piece of meadow ground on the east, and extending from the said church-yard forwards, to the Law ditch backwards.*	Same. Same.	Same. Same, but described as let at 6s. 8d. *Garden ground, with lodge, let at the yearly rent of 5s., situate on the east or south-east of garden ground belonging to said church, and extending from said church-yard forwards, to the Law ditch backwards.*
60.	Twelve-pence annual rent of assize, issuing from one tenement in Towker-street, extending from the aforesaid street forwards, to the river Avon backwards.	Same.	Same. *One tenement, situate between garden ground of the said church on the north, and extending from the church-yard forwards, unto a tenement belonging to the fellowship of Weavers backwards.*	Same. Same.	Same. Same.
part of 24.	Twelve-pence annual rent of assize, issuing from one tenement in Temple-street, extending from the aforesaid street forwards, as far as Bast Avon backwards.	Same.	Same. *A tenement, called the Storehouse, situate between a tenement belonging to Temple church on the south, and extending from Temple church-yard forwards, unto a tenement belonging to the fellowship of Weaver's backwards.*	Same.	Same.
	Five shillings annual rent of assize, issuing from one tenement in Temple-street, extending from said street forwards, as far as St. Thomas-street backwards.	Described as 26-8.	Same.	Same.	Same.

AS DESCRIBED IN THE SEVERAL PARISH FEOFFMENTS—*continued.*

6. Description in 1659.	7. Description in 1690.	8. Description in 1723.	9. Description in 1753.	10. Description in 1787.	11. Description in 1820.
Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
Same.	Same.	Same.	Same. *annuity of* 40*s. the gift of Alderman Berkin, issuing from lands in Barton Regis, county of Gloucester.* *annuity of* 40*s., the gift of John Grey, issuing out of a tenement in Temple-street, in the possession of Richard Ash.*	Same.	Same.
Same. Same. *Described as two garden grounds and lodges, and also one other garden to same adjoining, extending from Temple church forwards, to the Law ditch backwards.*	Same. Same. Same.	Same. Same. Same.	Same. Same. Same. *but mentioning that four several messuages and a workshop had been thereon erected.*	Same. Same. Same.	Same. Same. Same.
Same. Same.	Same. Same.	Same. Same. *but converted into two tenements.*	Same. Same.	Same. Same. *but described as a tenement and garden.*	Same. Same. *but described as one tenement.*
Same. Same.	Same. *described as a newly built tenement.*	Same. Same.	Same. Same.	Same. Same.	Same. Same.
Same. *Annuity of* 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. issuing from one tenement in Tucker-street, over against the Cross there, and also a yearly sum of* 52*s., conveyed by Richard Perkins.*	Same. Same.	Same. Same.	Same. Same.	Same. Same.	Same. Same.
To the poor of Temple parish, as part of the fee-farm rent, payable as heretofore by the mayor and commonalty of Bristol, to the poor of England.	Same. *but described as* 50*s.*	Same. *again described as* 52*s.*	Same.	Same.	Same.

(A.)— SCHEDULE OF THE CHURCH LANDS OF TEMPLE PARISH,

No. in the Book of Plans.	1. Description in 1478.	2. Description in 1550.	3. Description in 1579.	4. Description in 1608.	5. Description in 1635.
23.	Three shillings annual rent of assize, issuing from one tenement in Temple-street, between a tenement of Alice Chester, widow, on the north, and a tement of the abbot and convent of Keynsham, on the south, and extending from the said street forwards, as far as the Law ditch backwards.	Same.	Same.	Same. *A messuage, situate in Temple-street, in tenure of Marianne Young, and extending from the said street on the east, unto a place called Bast Avon on the south.*	Same. *Same as in deed No. 4.*
54.	Four shillings annual rent of assize, issuing from one tenement in Temple-street, extending from the said street forwards, as far as the Law ditch backwards.	Same.	described as 14*s.*, issuing from two tenements.	Same. *A lime kiln, with the appurtenances, and plot of ground where upon it stood, and two messuages and two gardens in the city of Bristol, and in Water-lane.*	*Same as in deed No. 4.*
40.				*And a close of meadow ground, called the Bast Avon, containing 1½ acre, in the parish of Temple, and adjoining to the water of Avon.*	
34.	Ten shillings annual rent of assize, issuing from one tenement in Temple-street, extending from the street forwards, as far as the Law ditch backwards.	described as 17-4	Same.	Same. *A messuage in Tucker-street, extending from Law-street forwards, unto the Law ditch backwards.*	Same. Same.
15.	Eighteen-pence annual rent, issuing from one tenement in Temple street, extending from the said street forwards as far as the Law ditch backwards.	described as 23-	Same as No. 2, but issuing from two tenements.	Same.	Same.
16.	Two tenements in Temple-street, and extending from Temple-street forwards, to the Law ditch backwards.				*And also two tenements, late of Sir John Seymour, knt. situate on the west side of Temple-street, extending from the said street forwards to the Law ditch backwards.*
			To and for the reparation of the church of Temple.	To employ the issues and profits of said premises, for the maintenance and repairing of the parish church of Temple, and for the relief of the poor of the said parish.	Same. And other good uses in the said parish, with the consent of the vestrymen, or the most of them.

AS DESCRIBED IN THE SEVERAL PARISH FEOFFMENTS—*continued.*

6. Description in 1659.	7. Description in 1690.	8. Description in 1723.	9. Description in 1753.	10. Description in 1787.	11. Description in 1820.
Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
Same.	Same.	Same. *But described as all that lime kiln, and the plot of ground whereupon it stood, and all buildings thereon erected and two little messuages and two gardens to same adjoining; and the close of meadow, called Bast Avon, and a malt-house, stables, and buildings erected on the same.*	Same. *And also the herbage of the lane leading from Tower Harris, under the town wall, unto Temple-gate.*	Same. *but described as two lime kilns.*	Same.
Same.	Same issuing from two tenements	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
One messuage, tenement and garden, in the occupation of Jane Shawe, situate in the town of Abergavenny, in Cross-street, extending from the said street forwards to the Town-Hall there backwards.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.
Same as in 1635.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.	Same.

(B.) SCHEDULE OF THE CHURCH LANDS

1. No. in the Register, B.16, and Book of Plans.		2. PREMISES.	3. SITUATION.	4. DATE OF LEASES.
Regr.	Plans.			
1	1	A messuage or tenement	Temple-street, opposite Church lane.	20th January, 1785 .... 17th April, 1812
5	2	A messuage or tenement	Temple-street, adjoining No. 1.	19th October, 1811 ...
9	3	A corner messuage or tenement	Temple-street, adjoining No. 2.	25th March, 1752..... 1 September, 1791.
13	4	A messuage or tenement	The Long-row, adjoining No. 3.	22 December, 1736 ... 30 April, 1800.
17	5	A new-erected messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house	The Long-row, adjoining No. 4.	1 March, 1799 .....
21	6	Three messuages or tenements adjoining together	Ditto, adjoining No. 5.	29 September, 1784....
25	7	Messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house.....	Ditto, adjoining No. 6.	10th November, 1756 ..
29	8	A messuage, or tenement and warehouse	The Long-row, Temple-street.	12 January, 1747..... 18 September, 1788
33	9	A messuage or tenement, and a piece of ground behind, with four small messuages thereon, formerly void	Temple-street.	20 June, 1805 .....
37	10	Two messuages or tenements	Temple-street, adjoining No. 9.	1 February, 1805 ....
41	11	A messuage or tenement, formerly two, and then called the Yellow Anchor, with the stables and other buildings adjoining, and also a shed at the back of the said premises	Temple-street	12 February, 1821 ....
45	12	A messuage or tenement, with two tenements behind, now called the Cross Keys.	Ditto	17 February, 1807 .... 1 November, 1818.
49	13	A messuage or tenement called the Lamb, and also a messuage or tenement.	Ditto	15 November, 1792..... 28 February, 1803 ...
53	14	A messuage or tenement, converted into a sugar-house, and workshop at the back of the same, but now as a dwelling-house, with the garden thereto belonging ; and	Ditto	5 June, 1776 ..... 20 April, 1813.
		A messuage or tenement, now called the Three-Horse Shoes.	Saint Thomas-street....	.....
57	15	A messuage or tenement.....	Temple-street	29 September, 1819....
61	16	A messuage or tenement, with a garden and backside.	Ditto	In hand, used as a charity school.
65	17	Two messuages or tenements, yard and workshops	Ditto	22 April, 1805 ..... 29 September, 1819....
69	18	A messuage and a tenement behind the same, with a garden, backside, and stable.	Ditto	29 September, 1790.... 24 June, 1816.
73	19	A messuage or tenement, and also a messuage or tenement behind the same.	Ditto	17 November, 1791 ....
79	20	A messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house, and also a messuage or tenement, behind.	Temple-street, fronting Church-lane.	24th June, 1815 .....
80	21	A messuage or tenement, and also a messuage or tenement behind.	Ditto	24 June, 1815 .....
81	22	A messuage or tenement, and two tenements behind the same.	Temple-street	29 February, 1817 ....
85	23	A messuage or tenement, and garden	Ditto	22 October, 1772..... 24 June, 1815.
89	24	A messuage or tenement, yards, sheds, stable and buildings.	Ditto	11 August, 1809 .....
93	25	A messuage or tenement.....	Ditto	5 February, 1787 .... 21 February, 1815 ...

OF TEMPLE IN BRISTOL, 1821.

5. LESSEE.	6. OCCUPIER.	7. Existing Lives and Ages or Terms of Years.		8. Yearly Rent.			9. Fine for Renewal.		
			Yrs.	*£.*	*s.*	*d.*	*£.*	*s.*	*d.*
Martha Haskins	Lessee	Lessee, aged	36	1	6	8	21	15	0
Walter Woodcock Wilmot	Void	Lessee	47	0	10	0	60	0	0
		Ann, daughter of ditto	19						
Eleanor Booth	Thomas Tomlinson ..	Charles Booth	40	1	1	0	17	18	0
John Radford, Avon-street	Thomas Stark	Samuel Radford	37	1	10	0	30	0	0
Rebecca Wilson.....	Elizabeth Atkinson ..								
William Walker.....	Joseph Payne	.....		3	5	0	21	0	0
Israel Alleyne.....	John Woollam.....	.....		1	0	0	105	0	0
Thomas Sanders	Thomas Sanders	Thomas Sanders	53	2	4	0	30	0	0
		John Nash Sanders	44						
John Crocker	FrancesCrocker,widow	38 years absolute, with a covenant to renew, if the feoffees should procure a new lease from the Dean and Chapter, of whom they hold the premises.		10	0	0	42	0	0
James Shaw	Francis Mitchell	39 years absolute, with a similar covenant as in the lease of No. 9.		4	10	0	80	0	0
James Sevier	Charles Haynes	Samuel Cave.....		6	0	0	110	0	0
		John Ford Sevier	27						
		James Sevier.....	25						
Devisees in trust, named in the will of John Hutchins.	William Thomas	James Gadd	61	2	0	0	70	0	0
		Eliz. Hutchins, now Gray	23						
		Edward Hutchins	14						
Lydia Clements	William Ellis	The lessee	79	1	13	4	52	10	0
		Rev. John Collinson.....	42						
		Samuel Clements	33						
Lydia Clements	.....	His Majesty the King		5	0	0	137	10	0
		The lessee.....							
		Samuel Gustavus Clements	33						
Thomas Wilmot, and William Williams....	James Wine.....	William Williams	32	2	10	0	20	0	0
		Sarah Milsom	20						
		Francis Milsom.....	17						
Thomas Brooks	The lessee.....	Ann Brown, now Newton	65	3	0	0	67	10	0
		Ann Camington, now Shaw....	37						
John Cumick, and Ann Beck.	——— Williams....	William Brooks.....	20						
		.....		1	0	0	62	0	0
Thomas Wilmot	John Portmary	William Cumick.							
	William Challinger ..	Charles Wilmot	35	2	0	0	0	5	0
James Padden	.....	Mary Ann Wilmot, now Neat	32						
		James Paddon, Jun.	24	2	0	0	190	0	0
		Ann Paddon.....	18						
James Thorne.....	James Thorne	Henry Adlum	18						
		The lessee	44	2	0	0	204	0	0
		Analia, his wife	43						
James Ivey	The lessee	George, their son	19						
Joseph Austin.....	William Melsom	From the 25th March then last, 14 years absolute.		35	0	0			
		Jane Austin		1	3	0	244	5	0
		Lord Granville Somerset	25						
George Lewis	John Nickless, the lessee	Joseph Pomfrey Austin	38						
		Charles Lewis	25	2	0	0	257	40	
James Curtis	The lessee.....	Henry Lewis.....	22						
		Rev. James Collinson	42	2	0	0	80	0	0
		John Oldham	42						
		Henry Wilmot	18						

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1. No. in the Register B.16, and Book of Plans.	2 PREMISES.	3. SITUATION.	4. DATE OF LEASES.
Regr. Plans.			
97 26	A messuage or tenement	Temple-street	24 June, 1772 ..... 18 September, 1813 ..
101 27	A messuage or tenement	Ditto	24 June, 1761 ..... 23 September, 1770 ..
105 28	A messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house....	Ditto	3 April, 1771 ..... 15 July, 1795..... 17 April, 1812 .....
109 29	A messuage or tenement	Ditto	21 December, 1782 .. 29 September, 1819 ..
110 and 113 30	A messuage or tenement, and warehouse and buildings behind the same ; Also a small building or warehouse.	Ditto	2 May, 1809 .....
117 31	A messuage or tenement, and premises, formerly called the Jolly Brewers.	Ditto	24 June, 1761 ..... 25 January, 1770 .... 1 September, 1791....
121 32	A messuage or tenement	Ditto	24 June, 1756..... 20 January, 1785 ....
125 33	A warehouse and a watch-house	Fronting Temple-street.....	In hand .....
129 34	A messuage or tenement	Tucker-street, in the parish of St. Thomas	2 May, 1821.....
133 35	A messuage or tenement	At or near Counterslip	29 September, 1791 .. 10 October, 1798 ....
137 36	A messuage or tenement	East Tucker-street	14 February, 1790 .... 27 May, 1808 .....
141 and 145, 37, & 38	A messuage or tenement, brewhouse and premises ; And also a building or warehouse built on the site whereon a stable formerly stood; And also a messuage or tenement, now converted into a stable.	Ditto	12 July, 1819 .....
149 39	A messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house, and garden.	Bath Avon.....	22 October, 1772 .... 18 May, 1812.....
153, 40, 41 and 205, 50 & 51	A messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house, garden, malthouse and premises ; Also a piece of ground, part whereof is a stank and a laboratory erected thereon ; Also a stable, waggon-house and buildings ; And also a messuage or tenement.	Temple Backs	1 August, 1815.....
153, 44 & 46 and 208	A messuage or tenement, warehouse, lofts, stables, and premises, used as vinegar works.	Bath Avon.....	1 August, 1815 .....
155 42 157 43, 47 48, 49	Two messuages or tenements adjoining, together with three stables, cellar, and cart-house ; Also a stank, with a lime-kiln or lime-house.	Lane leading from Temple Back to Messrs. Castle's distillery.	29 September, 1814 ..
161 45	A messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house, malthouse, garden, stables, and cart-house ; Also a messuage or tenement adjoining.	Temple Backs	24 June, 1763..... 14 February, 1794 .... 15 October, 1817 ....
165 52	A piece of ground theretofore void, being part of a ground theretofore called Bath Avon, alias Bast Avon ; and also four messuages erected thereon, and the stables thereon built.	Bath Avon.....	10 August, 1821.....
169 53	Piece of ground, part of ground called the Deal-yard, and a cottage or tenement erected on part thereof.	Temple parish	29 September, 1812....
171 53 (a)	Piece of ground, part of Deal-yard	Adjoining the last on the north-west.	20 April, 1813 .....
173 54	Two lime-kilns and a plot of ground, and two messuages or tenements, and two lime-sheds.	Water-lane	24 September, 1760 .. 1 July, 1769..... 23 July, 1808.....

TEMPLE, IN BRISTOL, 1822—*continued.*

5. LESSEE.	6. OCCUPIER.	7. Existing Lives and Ages, or Terms of Years.		8. Yearly Rent.			9. Fine for Renewal.		
			Years	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Mary Ann Ponnsbury, now Gwyer.	James Gwyer.....	James Johnson.....		16	0	0	152	0	0
		The lessee.....	38						
		Harriet Ponnsbury (now Jebatt)	31						
John Booth	William Woodland ..	Betty Booth, now wife of Joseph Harris	61	3	10	0	60	0	0
John Britton		Francis Britton	57						
Richard Panter, executor of Samuel Wilmot.	.....	Ann Wilmott	60	6	0	0	70	16	0
		Maria Frances Wilmot.....	37						
		Samuel Reynolds Wilmot.....	38						
Jane Wintle	Philip Tanswell, and others.	William Weare.....		3	0	0	100	0	0
		Henry Weare.							
		John Wintle	23						
Ames, Gadd & Company	John Boon.....	William Weare.....		6	0	0	168	0	0
		Henry Weare.							
		John Ames, Jun.							
Ann Bowring	John Doughty	Mary Ann Goodman		2	0	0	44	10	0
Susannah Whately	Lucy Wayte	Joseph Whately	52	4	0	0	36	0	0
Let annually.....	Preston Edgar	.....		8	0	0	——		
Thomas Bull	The lessee	Henry Kater	26	3	0	0	60	0	0
		Sarah Howell	21						
		Thomas Bull.....	13						
Executors of Robt. Dyer, deceased.	C. Davis	Ann Dyer, now Arnold	35	1	10	0	27	0	0
		Robert Dyer.....	31						
Sarah Clements	Mary Thomas	Rev. John Collinson	42	1	10	0	30	0	0
Ann Clements, as tenants in common.		James Clements.							
		Ann Clements	35						
Daniel Stanton	Void	Anthony Collins Stanton....	17						
		Thomas Stanton	15						
		Fred. Will. Stanton.....	10	11	0	0	——		
.....	Richard Hawkins	.....							
Betty Jeffery.....	George Toleman	The lessee	70	1	0	0	63	0	0
Richard Masters, now Jones & Smith.	Jones & Smith, chemists.	Edward Bampfylde Eagles	39	7	0	0	561	17	6
.....	.....	George Cooke	17						
		Nathaniel Eagles	18						
Hill & Eagles, executors of Thomas Eagles.	Joseph Whitchurch ...	E. B. Eagles.....	39	5	2	2	——		
William Orchard Gwyer	W. & J. Gwyer, Clift & Co.	The lessee	41	5	16	8	250	0	0
		Samuel Keate Gwyer	14						
		Thomas Williams.....	18						
Ames, Castle & Company.	The lessees	Sarah Bicknell		7	12	6	380	18	9
		Nicholas Rugg Broughton.							
		Lionel Ames.....	13						
Henry Carter	The lessee	John Decimus Pountney	33	4	0	0	400	0	0
		Henry Holmes	26						
		Thomas Daniel, Jun. Esq.							
George Wilton Sage	Gas Company	The lessee.....	38	4	0	0	650	0	0
		Thos. Wilmot Lancaster, (dead)	23						
		Thomas Hall, Jun.	20						
Thomas Gough	Ditto	Thomas Gough, Jun.	19	8	0	0	1,050	0	0
		Charles Gough	18						
		Edward Gough	14						
Mary Merrett Weall .... Robert King.	Robert King	.....	30	30	0	0	73	2	0

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177	55	The vicarage house	Gardens and premises.....	—
181	56	A Piece of ground called the Salt Box, and also four messuages or tenements erected on part thereof.	Near the church.....	29th September, 1819
185	57	A piece of ground, with two messuages thereon erected.	Behind Temple church ..	29th September, 1791 24th June, 1815....
189	58	A messuage or tenement.....	Behind Temple churchyard	22d October, 1737 .. 15th July, 1795 .... 1st June, 1798.....
193	59	A close, piece, or parcel of garden ground	Church lane	29th September, 1784
197	60	A close, or piece of garden ground	Ditto	29th September, 1784
201	61	A messuage or tenement, garden ground and orchard, whereon several other messuages, workshops and buildings have been erected.	Upper end of Frog-lane, St. Augustine the less.	25th June, 1805.....
89 & 211.	62	A messuage or tenement called the Blue Boar..	Abergavenny	29th September, 1794

ACCOUNT OF QUIT RENTS RECEIVED

——	WHOSE GIFT.	FROM WHAT ISSUING.	AMOUNT.		
			£.	s.	d.
1594	Robert Kitchen.....	.....	5	2	0
1639	George Harrington	.....	2	0	0
1661	Francis Gleed	A house in High-street, in the occupation of Charles McDowall, printer.	2	0	0
1668	Abraham Berkin	Two parcels of land, in Barton-Regis, Gloucestershire.	2	0	0
1683	Thomas Goldsmith	Max. Mills and premises, county of Somerset.	10	0	0
1706	Sarah Smith	One-fourth part of the manor of Sandford, county of Somerset, and its lands.	1	0	0
1688	John Lawford, (alderman).....	Premises in Temple-street	2	12	0
1670	Mr. Vickris, (alderman).....	.....	2	12	0
1702	John Hudson	House in Back-street, in parish of St. Nicholas..	2	5	0
1709	George Hudson.....	Same	3	0	0
1713	John Gray.....	House in Temple-street	2	0	0
1762	John Barker	House in Counterslip	2	0	0
1784	—— Cox, (alderman).....	....	1	0	0
	Mary Curtis	Estate at Lateridge, in the parish of Iron-Acton, in the county of Gloucester.	2	2	0

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5. LESSEE.	6. OCCUPIER.	7. Existing Lives and Ages, or Terms of Years.	8. Yearly Rent.			9. Fine for Renewal.		
		Years.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
—	—	—						
Preston Edgar, in trust for William Reed.	David Jones.....	Elisha Wigginton, between 30 & 40	2	0	0	40	0	0
	John Sidway.....	Rachel Reed 12						
	John Chard	Elizabeth Reed..... 10						
	Benjamin Radford ..							
William Lewton Clarke..	Patrick Keney	The Lessee 45	0	14	0	53	5	0
	Thomas Pearson ...	Elizabeth Hine Clarke 10						
Joseph Gillard	John Challenger	Ann Gillard	0	7	6	16	1	0
Abraham Gadd	The Lessee	James Gadd 64	2	4	0	0	5	0
		Sarah Gadd..... 44						
		Thomas Gadd..... 42						
Wintour Harris	William Davis.....	Sally Harris, now Twyecross .. 43	2	0	0	0	5	0
Mary Drew.....	Mary Drew	38 years absolute, with a covenant to renew if the feoffees should obtain a new lease from the Dean and Chapter, of whom the premises are held.	4	0	0	62	8	9
Charles Ovens	—— Canvin.....	.....	1	0	0	44	9	0

APPLICABLE TO CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

APPLICATION.	BY WHOM PAID.	REMARKS.
.....	The chamberlain.	—
Four poor housekeepers, each 10*s*. ..	Ditto.	
The like.....	Osborne & Ward.	
The like.....	Churchwardens of St. Mary-le-port.	The feoffees of the parish of St. Mary-le-port hold the lands, but it does not appear on what trusts.
Bread to the poor Clothworkers' almshouse, poor Weavers' almshouse, and to Mrs. Hyatt, for her life, and after death to six poor widows.	Thomas Smith, Esq.	
Three poor widows	Churchwardens of Temple	Part of an annuity of 5*l*., (residue distributed amongst other parishes.)
Bread to six poor persons.....	Ditto.	
The like.....	.....	It appears from an entry in the rent-account (No. 13, p. 55,) that the vestry received of the Bridge-committee 80*l*. 12*s*. in lieu of this gift.
Minister 13*s*. 4*d*.; clerk 4*s*.; sexton 2*s*. 8*d*.; and to poor housekeepers not receiving alms 20*s*.; to churchwardens for their trouble 5*s*.	Joseph Green, a cutler, in Back-street.	These sums are charged by John Hudson on said premises.
To the poor 2*l*. 10*s*.; residue as in John Hudson's gift, and 10*s*. for a sermon.	Ditto.	
Sermon 10*s*.; clerk 2*s*. 6*d*.; sexton 1*s*. 6*d*.; for the relief of four sick families 2*s*. 6*d*.	Thomas Castle, Esq.	
Bread to the poor 20*s*.; minister 10*s*.; clerk and sexton 10*s*.	.....	50*l*. paid to the vestry in 1761.—*See* minutes of vestry; release shows the transaction,
In coals.....	The chamberlain	
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